

‘Wages of Sin is Hell’

*(With many soul shivering real testimonies
regarding how horrible is Hell)*

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Heaven and Hell – all empty babbling

Before I came to the knowledge of Christ in 2001, when I was a zealous Hindu, I never seriously thought about sin or heaven or hell. When I was a youngster, I have watched a few scenes depicting hell in a few Tamil films and dubbed Telugu films starring N.T.Rama Rao and Anjali Devi. The two gigantic agents of Yemadharmaraja (God of Death) with their two horns on their heads would arrive from the sky when a person's lifetime ended on earth, and leaving his lifeless body on the earth, would drag his soul along with a kind of noose, back to the skies.

There, in a huge durbar-like hall, an enormous, formidable looking Yemadharmaraja with his hilarious laughter and blood red eyes would be sitting on a huge throne holding his huge mace (a pumpkin sized iron ball with a long handle – Hanuman has one too). The agents would drag the soul and push him in front of Yamadharmaraja, who would scrutinize the soul, turn to his dwarfish assistant Chitragupta and enquire in a thunder-like voice, 'who is this fellow? What sins has he committed?' Chitragupta would open his big recording book and say 'His name is Pradabhan. While on earth he has committed several heinous crimes such as murder, robbery, rape etc.' Then Yemadharmaraja would pass the judgement on him and say 'drag him to hell and throw him in the boiling oil and torture him'. The soul of the dead man would then scream and cry in dreadful fear and the messengers would drag him to a huge vat of boiling oil and throw him in while he continues to scream.

Kollivai Demon and Bloody Katteri

The night after I watched this gruesome scene of the person being thrown into the boiling oil and his sufferings and screams, I had a nightmare of the same scene, except that the person in the scene was I, being thrown into the boiling oil. I then woke up with my body sweating and trembling with fear, and held onto my mother tightly, fearing even to open my eyes in the dark. Even now I can remember the frightening time I had then.

The next morning I asked my mother about hell. She said 'God will send only the wrong-doers to hell. You are a good boy.'

Don't do anything wrong. God will not harm you.'

A boy named Sankaran studied with me. He used to tell lots of ghost stories. I told him about my nightmare. He talked as though he had personal experience regarding these things and that he knew exactly what kind of things happen there. 'Hey, there are numerous demons. Do you know how big they are? Each one of them is so gigantic that they can carry us all with its little finger. There are demons which gush out fire from their mouths; their teeth are sharp like the teeth of tigers and lions; their fingernails are long like razor blade; they use their nails to scratch us and suck our blood. Apart from this there is the bloody Katteri. That is even more frightening'. All these talks made me terrified.

That did it. I was afraid to go alone anywhere. I was afraid to sleep alone. I was afraid to go out to the toilet once it got dark.

As I grew up such fears regarding ghosts reduced. When I became a slave to several filthy thoughts, sinful acts and bad habits, whole of my thoughts, words and actions became wicked and sinful. My conscience would often warn me in a soft voice, but I would push it aside and ignore it and continue to live in a sinful manner.

My piety and my slavery to Sin

I joined the Indian Air Force after completing my school education. I left home, my mother and my siblings to far away places like Delhi, Bombay, and earned a big salary. I got into some bad habits such as smoking, drinking, paanparak, Jarda, etc. due to bad company at these places. I continued to visit several temples out of habit; I worshipped God; I recited Mantras. Actually, the reason I went to the temples was to entice the girls who came there. After my marriage I would fast and carry Irumudi Kattu (offering items) and offer worship to MelMaruvathur Amman. I would fervently sing all the devotional songs sung by Sirgali Govindarajan. I was praised by many for my high-pitched, good singing. Every day after bath, still in my damp clothes, I would pluck flowers, offer them to the deity's picture, light Kamatchi lamp, light agarbathi, offer incense, fall prostrate in worship, slap my cheeks, perform vukki, apply Viboodi, Kumkum and sandalwood paste stripes all over my forehead and then only start my day as a pious Saiva.

That devotion did not purify me

However, as soon as I left the Puja room, I would be full of rage even for a worthless and minute reason, and bounce around and shout using unbridled words. I was angry, resentful, hostile, arrogant, proud, demeaning others, finding fault in every one, with deceitful and wicked thoughts, jealous and lustful thoughts. I think of the sinful life I had led in my personal, social and career life, doing without any hesitation, without any fear of God, all the things which a person should never do. My devotion, Puja Punashkaram, fasting, recital of Mantra, practiced meditations, Yogas, Transcendental meditation, Kaya Kalpa training – none of these could liberate me from my character, riotous nature and sinful thoughts; it didn't release me from my sinful deeds and my aggressiveness.

That devotion did not improve me; it didn't make me clean; It didn't make me holy. It was only an outward devotion. It did

not change my inner man in any way. I was a complete slave to sin.

Faith in Christ and release from Sin

I have written a book of my testimony called 'My Cry and Joyful New Life' which describes how, after being a zealous Hindu and opposing Jesus until I was 58 years old, my family and I had accepted Jesus Christ as our personal God and became Christians. Please buy that book and read. To date about 4,20,000 copies have been sold in Tamil and about 25,000 in English. It has been translated into Kannada, Hindi, Telugu, Odissa and Malayalam. It is being translated into Marathi and Assamese. All my books cost only Rs.10/-. Please read and also pass it on to others.

People who read my book say , 'I can't put the book down after I start reading it. I can only put it down after reading it completely. My eyes are filled with tears while reading it. You have written it so beautifully that it touches my heart.' I have no pride regarding this. I am a Zero. The Lord

Jesus Christ is the Hero. I have just opened my heart and poured it out in the book. These are thoughts which every one has, but I have openly written about these. Others haven't written this way. So this looks different to the readers. That is all. May the Lord's name be glorified!

As soon as I came into Christ, the Lord had completely given me freedom from my 40 year-old drinking habit, a four packet-a-day Charminar cigarette smoking habit, habit of using Paanparak, Theensou, Jarda etc. (I used to have one habit or the other all the time). He gave complete freedom from these in a single day. My family members were astonished. The beauty of this is that I never again had any longing for these things any longer. '**If Jesus Christ sets you free, you are free indeed**', '**Where there is the Spirit of the Lord there is freedom**'. These words from the scripture were entirely fulfilled in my life.

Sinful thoughts which raise their ugly heads even when one is in Christ

Even though I was liberated from my sinful habits, I was not free from the occasional sinful thoughts, which arose from within me. I was still furious over simple things. Arrogance would overpower me. However, now the Holy Spirit strictly warned me with a loud voice within my soul and created the fear of God within me, causing me to reduce my anger and to reconcile and prompted me to ask for forgiveness. Still I had within me pride, arrogance and stubbornness which didn't want to give in. This kind of struggle within me continued due to my immaturity in Christ, not being strong in Him, not reading the Scriptures properly, not meditating on His words in order to follow them and not spending sufficient time in prayer. The reason for this was that I had not completely repented and turned my heart toward Him.

Jesus Christ is not an Idi Amin to push us into Hell – My wrong reckoning

Not only that I had another thought within me then. The Lord is good; He is merciful; He is very gentle; He is an embodiment of love; He is kind; He loves us more than our mother who gave birth to us. Surely He cannot punish us or pass judgment on us and send us to hell. There is no place called Hell. That is pure imagination. This is just to keep us in unnecessary fear. Jesus Christ has carried all our sins and curses and died on the cross of Calvary in our place. He took on Himself all the punishment that we should have borne, and has given us complete freedom. The innocent blood that He shed not only released us from the sins of the past, but also the sins that we might commit in the future, thus giving us everlasting liberty with a clean slate. Only later on I realized what a foolish concept that was.

God is a consuming fire

Of course God is merciful; He is kind; He is gentle and

loveable. But He is also holy. He abhors sin; He loves the sinners. If we repent, with all our heart, of all the sins of thought and action and weep bitterly for them and confess with tears in His presence ‘Lord Jesus, I am a sinner. Forgive all the wickedness and sins I have committed and wash me in the holy blood you shed for me, and make me also holy’, the Lord Jesus Christ will forgive whatever sin we have committed. However, we should keep ourselves holy after that. We should not even think of committing those sins or any other new sin from that moment on.

Will the Lord forgive us if we continue to sin with the confidence that Jesus Christ is available to forgive our sins any time? No. He will not. Not only that He won’t forgive. We will get a severe beating too. In a school the teacher gives a mathematical problem to all the students and asks them to solve it. If the teacher’s son is among the students who can’t solve the problem, he will be in great trouble that day. He will get more beatings compared to the others, because his father will be ashamed in front of the class to have a son like him. In the same way, during judgment time, the Lord will expect His children who know the truth to be more just, upright and holy.

Christians will Receive Extra Beatings

The Bible says ‘**To whom much is given, much shall be required**. It tells what happens if they did wrong.’ Heb.10:26-28 says ‘**For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the**

Spirit of grace?. 2 Peter 2:20-21 says, ‘For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them’. James 2:10 says, ‘For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it’. Lev. 4:13 says, ‘... and they do any one of the things that by the Lord’s commandments ought not to be done, and they realize their guilt...’ Ezek. 18:24, 33:12 clearly says, ‘The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses’.

He is a Jealous God

The Bible says, ‘**He is a jealous God, for our God is a consuming fire**’ (Deut. 6:15, Heb.12:29). I had seen only one facet of the God who created this whole universe and rules over it. Therefore it was my one-sided opinion of God. Only by reading the holy scriptures again and again I realized what an awesome God He is – by the fear-filled words of Godly men like Nehemiah, Daniel and Moses (Neh.1:5, Dan.9:4, Deut.10:17).

I understood about His great wrath, rage and strictness only after reading Isa.63:6. When the Lord saw that the wickedness of the people whom He created was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of their heart was evil, He regretted that He had created them. He destroyed all living things, the people and all animals with a deluge, except Noah, a righteous and blameless man and his family, along with a pair of every kind of animals and birds. I understood the great fury of God only after reading Gen.7:21.

The sins of the people who lived in Sodom and Gomorrah were very great. Therefore God rained fire and sulfur on those

cities and destroyed them. My thick-headed ideas cleared after I read this in Gen.19:24. When Korah, Dathan and Abiram opposed Moses, the earth opened up and swallowed them and their families and all their possessions. I was panic-stricken after I read this account in Num. 16:32.

Fire came down from the Lord and destroyed the 250 people who offered unauthorized censers with incense and fire in them to the Lord in the most holy tent of meeting. When I read this in Num.16:3, my tongue clung to the roof of my mouth in fear. Thus, we can go on adding to this list, the incidents which show us the terrifying anger of God.

He is incomparable Almighty

He is a Holy God. His righteousness and holiness is unimaginable. He specially chose Moses to liberate the Israelites from the bondage of Egypt when they cried to Him. He did unimaginable miracles and wonders and great things through Moses. After the Israelites were liberated He asked Moses to meet Him on Mount Sinai. He strictly ordered that no one else should attempt to go up the mountain or even touch the edge of the mountain. From the cloud-covered mountain, amidst thunder and lightning, the people overheard the voice of God giving the commandments to Moses and feared Him greatly. Then God's covenant was ratified through sacrificial rituals. Moses was once again told to go up the mountain to meet the Lord. He did not appear to Moses immediately. Moses waited for forty days before the Lord appeared to him and gave him the law in writing.

He is holy and lives in the brightest light where no one can approach or see. He is a great God whose holiness can't be compared to anyone or anything. He has no carnal association, no wife or wives, children, concubines nor does He have playful flirtation with anyone.

The Lord who embraces also punishes

Our God in heaven is not involved with any kind of base, ugly and dirty dealings. No one can find any fault with Him or accuse Him. He is also ready to defend His servants who do His work on earth against any of their accusers. He is a righteous and holy God. When Miriam and Aaron, siblings of Moses, rebelled against Moses, God punished Miriam with leprosy.

The Lord who freed more than 25,00,000 people from slavery and brought them across the Red Sea by opening a path for them in the middle of the sea, also closed the sea on the pursuing army of the Pharaoh and destroyed them with their chariots. When the Israelites, thus brought out from Egypt, murmured against Him, He made them wander around in the wilderness for 40 years. Moreover, only two men were allowed to enter into Canaan out of all the Israelites who left Egypt. All the others died in the wilderness.

If we demean or accuse Him or murmur against Him or involve ourselves with the unholy things that He abhors such as idol worship, lewdness or prostitution, we will not escape from the punishment meted out for them. '**God is a righteous judge**' (Ps.7:11). There is no partiality in Him. He judges with equity, truth and justice. We all have to give account to Him. Heb.4:13 says, '**no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account**'.

The armies of Satan which drag us into sin

The Devil is always waiting and staying close to us with all his weapons, devices which attract our minds, charms and cunningness in order to make us objects of God's anger, remove us from His love and protection, make us do things such as idol worship and other deeds which are detested by God, and make us fall into sin. He and all his armies, rulers,

authorities, the cosmic powers, spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places, work around the clock to try and bring back people who escaped from his hold and their sinful lives.

The Devil uses very powerful, attractive and modern methods to make people fall into sin. The most powerful weapon he uses is Cell phone, Internet, Whatsup, Facebook, Cinemas, TV, followed by monthly, weekly publications and daily newspapers. He uses these to damage peoples' minds by sowing seeds of sins, showing all the violence in the world, teaching how to take revenge on others and impair their lives, how to spoil their peace and happiness and bring unhappiness to them; he gives all kinds of ideas and plans freely and liberally to those who are vulnerable and makes their hearts hardened. Whichever magazine or paper is opened, there are pictures of half-naked actresses which the Devil uses to create lustful thoughts in the minds of youngsters who are the pillars of our future society. Our people who do not realize this, fall prey to its attractions like the insects get attracted to light, and waste precious time, mind and body and destroy their future.

Do not give way to the devil

We should never allow any space in our lives to Satan. Even if you give him a little space, he will come to stay permanently. He is a rogue. He tempted even our Lord Jesus who took the human form to save from sin, the people whom He created. He craftily lied and cheated Adam and Eve, the first people created by God, and made them disobey God, thereby causing God's anger and curse to fall upon them and, as a result, making them lose all the blessings, the eternal life, this earth and all its treasure which God had originally given to them. Then he tempted Jesus with all this earth and its treasures and tried to destroy God's plan. He is Jagadalapradaban, Emagaadagan, an international fraud. If he is not, can he rule the world as the lord of all worldliness in various guises and various forms? His

plan is to make every one sin and cause them to go to hell. He wants no one on this earth to go to heaven.

We are all sinners

In this world whether one is rich or poor, educated or uneducated, a believer in God or an atheist, in every one's life there are a number of problems, lack of peace and happiness, lack of satisfaction and fulfillment in life; problems with anger, jealousy, worries, fears, doubts and sickness of mind and body. What is the reason for all these? Is it fate? Is it Karma? Is it due to inauspicious time? Is it due to problem with our horoscope, signs, ascendance, stars or planets? Are we not lucky? All these are invented to deceive us. Some folks give these reasons for their own survival. The truth is that none of these is the reason. What then is the reason?

The reason is that we are all sinners. Don't get angry and pounce on me for saying that we are sinners. Just as we call a sick man a patient, and the man who possesses a house, a house owner, I call a man who lives a life full of sinful thoughts and actions, a sinner. That is all.

What is sin?

Sin is the tendency that urges us to do things against the righteous, honest and just statutes and wishes of our God who created us. It is sin which changes the human nature to that of a beast, making a person depraved, callous, self-centred, fanatical, proud, wicked, loveless and wayward. It is the sin within us that urges us to do the same things and habits and actions which we hate and try to escape from. It is sin that cuts off our relationship with God. It encourages us to live with a bad character. It prevents us from living a righteous, blameless, happy and peaceful life.

A person can commit all the sins while visiting the temple regularly, reading the Holy Scriptures and puranas, reciting the

mantras, uttering divya naama keerthanas, carefully observing puja punashkarams, and applying pious marks on the body and forehead. In the same way, a Christian can commit these sins while regularly going to church, praying on his knees, reading the Bible and meditating and diligently serving the Lord. Similarly, a Muslim brother too can be involved in these sins while attending the masjid, fasting for 40 days and offering prayer 5 times a day. He can suffer unable to escape from them. The reason for all this is the sin that has its hold on us.

He who sins is a slave to sin

It is true that a person's environment such as the family he lives in, society and social circumstances and the friends with whom he mixes, will all have some effect on his mind, character and habits from a very young age. However, it can't be said that these are the only reasons for a person to be corrupt or to sin or to indulge in bad habits. The basic reason for this is the sin within him. Circumstances affect him only because sin has enslaved him. The truth is that those circumstances only reveal his sinful status.

If a man walking along the street sees a shop selling alcohol and is immediately tempted to go and drink, can we say that the shop is the reason for his actions? The shop merely brought out the desire for drink in his heart. That is all. The reason for a person's bad character, actions, thoughts and habits is the sin alone that has enslaved him.

His mind would say that what he does is sin, it is not for his good, and he should not do it. But he can't stop doing it. His hands and legs would be restless. His mind would already be there in the shop. He can't think of anything else. He suffers because he can't concentrate on any work. After doing it, he would be blaming himself for doing it. He becomes hateful, angry, resentful, bitter, restless and unhappy towards himself. All this is the result of him being a slave to sin and allowing sin

to rule over him. This what the bible says in John 8:34, '**He who sins is a slave to sin**'.

Elderly people can also sin

Once when I was coming down the pulpit of a church after presenting my testimony and a message, I noticed a gentleman aged over 60 years, a decent-looking man, waiting in a corner to speak to me privately. He approached me when no one was around and said with hesitation, 'I need to ask you something. I am not able to share it with anyone else. Please don't misunderstand me'. I encouraged him saying, 'please have courage to say what you want to say'.

'I am from a long generation of Christians. I read the Bible every day; I pray; I attend church services regularly; I eagerly participate in all the church activities. Yet my craving for sex has not departed from me. It rules over me. I see all women with sexual desire and lustful thoughts. I know it is a sin to do this and that it is adultery in God's eyes. Yet I can't help such obscene thoughts. I don't miss a chance to rub against women in a crowded bus. If I have to be truthful, deep in my heart I like to do it. I secretly enjoy it. I long for such chances in the bus.'

'Then in my regular prayer I ask forgiveness from the Lord for my base, evil mind. Being ashamed of my actions, I hate, reproach and curse myself. But when I get another such chance I fall into it once again. This is a great struggle within me. I have read a few filthy books in my youth. I have secretly watched a few video scenes. I am not able to forget these things however much I try. What should I do to get freedom from this', he said with tears in his eyes. He was thoroughly embarrassed before he could finish saying this and he looked pitiful.

I said to him, 'God's fellowship, relationship and leadership over you are found wanting. You pray; you read the Bible; you listen to God's word. Yet none of these has made any change in

your heart. You are doing all these superficially as a token, with no interest, lacking in spiritual depth and fervor, like a key-operated doll. That is why you haven't seen any result. You are not able to stop your actions in spite of knowing that they are sinful. The reason is that you are not willing to give it up from the bottom of your heart.

'Another reason is that every line in the filthy books you read and every scene in the filthy videos you had seen, has firmly impressed on your mind, thoughts and blood. Your knowledge of the Bible warns you that what you do is sin. Instead of asking God with whole-heartedness you are asking superficially, as a matter of routine. But you have no desire to be free of them. You secretly like them. That is why you haven't got the answer to your prayers.

Fast and get rid of it

"The control of the devil will weaken and release you from its hold if you truly repent, weep over the sin you have committed and pull it out with its roots and throw it away. When your mind is pure, the control of the Holy Spirit will guide you and warm your heart. This will strengthen you. After this, your sin will not have control over you. This kind of sins will affect not only you, but also follow your future generations as a curse. Therefore, bind the devil that controls you and his curse which follows you and your future generations, and pray in the name Jesus Christ. Fast and pray. Fasting will bring your body under control.

If one allows such a situation to continue, his conscience would eventually stop warning him; his heart would become hardened and unfeeling; he would become a slave to sin by continuing to sin without any remorse or shame. Then sinning would become so normal that he would convince himself that he is not sinning. He would even go to the extent of defending himself from anyone who points out his sins or wrong doings,

and argue and try to prove that he is a righteous, holy and devout person. The devil would ultimately drag him to such a state.

Sin is worse than cancer

Sin is like cancer. Mostly no one detects cancer in the early stages. It is discovered only at a later stage. It does show some symptoms and aches and pains. But since the symptoms are treated for some other likely illnesses, the truth about the real cancer is not known until it is too late to treat it.

Similarly without realizing that sin is the cause for our lack of peace, failures, confusions, sadness, anger, problems with others, fights, misunderstandings, family problems, conflicts and bad habits and relationships, we think that the reason for these is that others are not right, the times are not right, planet positions are not right, fate, karma etc., and try to set them right by visiting several temples and offer puja and recompense. But no result comes out of all these. The basic reason for this is sin alone. If one hasn't been set free from sin, his life lacks tranquility, quietness, joy, peace and a healthy mind and body. Many Christians do not even realize that they have the problem of sin within them. It is unfortunate that they haven't realized that they haven't had the experience of true repentance. The Bible warns us against this in Heb.3:13 as '**hardened by the deceitfulness of sin**'.

We are insects caught in the web of a spider

The devil is a big rogue. He knows the weaknesses and desires of human beings more than they do. He makes very clever use of these to attract and destroy them. He is a very cunning criminal. A fisherman would attach a piece of food to the hook in his bait, which would attract a fish to the bait. The fish that sees the food will grab the bait without noticing the hook in that bait. It can't free itself from the hook and so

would die a pitiable death soon. Similarly, the cunning devil uses the worldly hooks such as sexual desire, money, things, status, accolade, pride, stubbornness, arrogance, prestige, drugs, lust etc., and puts his baiting food out and continues to attract people to fall into sin. Many fall into it and not being able to escape from it, die in their sins, fighting like the insects in the spider's web.

The lord of sin is the lord of this world

The lord of all this sin is Lucifer. The possessor of all wickedness is known by several names such as Satan, Devil and the Enemy. All powerful, the lord of this earth, owner of hell and the underworld and the leader of unclean spirits, demons, powers of darkness and the army of wicked devils. He makes all the people on this earth to continue in sin and destroys peace, joy and goodwill in our personal and family life and also in the society and country; he utterly damages and breaks the families; he creates doubts, misunderstandings and divisions between husband and wife. Fanaticism based on religion, caste, race and language, inappropriate desires of sex and money, violence, terrorism, lawlessness, bribery, immorality, adultery, drug abuse – all these are kindled by the devil and his army of demons and evil spirits. He comes only to kill, rob and destroy. The Bible says that he roams around like a roaring lion to devour whom he can. The devil's ultimate plan is to make us continue in sin, enslave us to sin and finally make us objects of God's wrath and to drag us to hell.

Sin in the sight of our creator God

Before I came into Christ, I considered only a few things such as stealing, robbery, murder, rape as sins. After coming into Christ I understood what sin is in God's sight. He says, '**if you look at a woman with lustful heart it is equivalent to committing adultery with her**'. He says, '**If you know to do the right and you don't do it, to you it is sin**'. If I find

fault with anyone, He says, '**who are you to judge him? You yourself have countless faults; 'with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.**' We should give account to Him even for the needless words we speak. The Bible says, '**everyone will have to give account on the judgment day for every empty word they have spoken**', 'sin is not lacking in the multitude of words', '**for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned**'. The Lord says in Matt.5:11, '**it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a person**'.

Our Daily Sins

I was shocked and terrified when I read from the Bible the things which are considered sin in God's eyes. I was unnerved. The reason is that we do all these every day, day and night, without any fear, very casually, and with ease. If I give you a complete list of all that God considers as sin, it will cover a separate book. So I will only give a small list below.

"Sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, witch craft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, disputes, dissension, factions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, covetousness, reviling, stealing, false witness, malicious, rage, argumentative, revengeful, resentful, malicious gossips, scandal spreading, hating God, blasphemy, arrogance, pride, obstinacy, selfishness, bragging, boastful, unholy, evil, disobedience to parents, insulting, disregard, without self-control, irreconcilable, disobeying the covenant, not fulfilling the vow, swearing, unloving, brutal, fornication, homosexuality, perversion, sexuality with animals, robbery, disregard, returning evil for evil, disrespectful of a brother, accusing him, palm reading, horoscope reading, observance of auspicious days, anjanam reading, lusts of the flesh, lusts of the eyes, evil desires, sexual desires, pride of life, ungrateful, unholy, wickedness, hateful of good, love of self, love of money, love of wealthy life,

pretending to be godly, lack of godliness, lying against the truth, defiling God's temple, friendship with the world, debauchery, drunkenness, joining in others' sin."

'Everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire' - Matt.5:22.

'Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer' - 1 John.3:14, 15.

'We saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen' – Gen.42:21.

'And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ' – 1 Cor. 8:11-13.

'Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, "The seventh year, the year of release is near", and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the Lord against you, and you be guilty of sin' – Deut.15:9.

(The brothers referred to above are not only our own brothers. The people who live in the neighboring houses, who work with us, who travel with us in the bus or train, are all our brothers and sisters).

'Thus you shall keep the people of Israel separate from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness by defiling my tabernacle that is in their midst' Levi.15:31.

'You shall not charge interest on loans to your brother, interest on money, interest on food, interest on anything that is lent for interest' – Deut.23:19.

'You shall give him his wages on the same day, before the sun sets (for he is poor and counts on it), lest he cry against you to the Lord, and you be guilty of sin' – Deut.24:15.

'Unequal weights are an abomination to the Lord, and false scales are not good' – Proverbs 20:23.

'Behold, the people are sinning against the Lord by eating with the blood' – 1 Sam. 14:33.

'We have broken faith with our God and have married foreign women from the peoples of the land' – Ezra 10:2.

'Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands'
Ps. 115:4.

Sins due to lawlessness (1 John 3:4), sins due to wrong doing (1 John 5:17), sin conceived by all kinds of desire (James 1:15) and many more like this.

All wrong doings are sins. There are sins which lead to death and there are sins which do not lead to death (1 John 5:16, 17).

'Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him.' – 1 John 3:8, 9

Sin affects people of all religions

The list of sins given above is not only for Christians. It is for people of every race in the world. Every religion strongly affirms that this list is right. Whether it is Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism - no religion in the world will deny that committing any of the above is sin. The scriptures of all the religions agree that these are sins. The Lord will judge each of us on the last day with such a list. We have to give account of each and every sin we have committed.

We sin from our childhood

Tell me now; don't we do any of the sins mentioned above?

Tell me truthfully from within your heart. Every day we are committing more than half the sins mentioned in the list. '**If**

anyone says he has never sinned, he is deceiving himself' (1 John 1:8); because that is the truth. The Bible states it clearly. We were born in sin; brought up in sin. Knowingly or unknowingly, with or without realizing it, we continue to commit sins every day.

The psalmist David says, '**my mother conceived me in sin'** – Ps. 51:5. '**The intention of man's heart is evil from his youth'** – Gen.8:21. '**For there is no one who does not sin**', mourns the scripture in 1 Kings 8:46. It says, '**none is righteous, no, not one; no one does good, not even one**' in Romans 3:10, 12. Romans 3:23 says '**all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**'. We see in Proverbs 20; 9, '**Who can say, "I have made my heart pure; I am clean from my sin"**?' Therefore, we are all (whichever race or religion we belong to) sinners in the presence of the Lord God who created us.

The misery caused by sin

All the sins we have committed since our childhood, have not been forgiven and are still within us. This sin increases every day, and just as a waste bin overflows with the waste material, overflows from within us as it can't be contained. As soon as we open our mouth, sin flows out of us in the form of dirty, filthy words, back stabbing, wily craftiness, treachery, conceit, pride, arrogance, haughtiness, self importance, boasting, quarrels, jealousy, vengeance, rage, fanaticism etc., and damages and destroys us and our relationship around us. There is lack of tranquility, joy and peace within us, in our family, in our neighborhood and in our work places. The reason is that God will never live in a heart filled with sin. Only Satan and the devil will be there. We become slaves to sin under their rule.

Desires give birth to sin

In addition, the sins within us urge us to commit more sins. We read in Romans 7:8, '**But sin, seizing an opportunity**

through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Further, we read in James 1:15, '**Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.**' Sin drives us to the point where we cry, '**For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me**' – Rom. 7:15, 17. '**Sin which clings so closely**', says Heb. 12: 1, and, '**my sin is ever before me**', says David (Ps.51:3).

The sinful conscience effectively kills

A man who had read my book, ' My Cry and Joyful New Life', telephoned me and requested that I should visit him and have lunch at his home when he heard that I was to visit his town to give my testimony in the local church. I accepted his kind invitation. He took me in his Innova car; large bungalow; great feast. He served me several kinds of delightful dishes. Then he took me to his private room. After chatting for some time, I noticed that he was struggling to tell me something but was not able to express it. I encouraged him to say whatever it was that he wanted to say. Then he started haltingly to tell his story.

'I struggled a lot when I was a youngster. I don't have much education. I started to work in a lorry shed. I learnt all the mechanical work related to the lorry. I worked hard and saved up every paisa. I bought a lorry which had undergone an accident, for a very cheap price, repaired it and started to drive it. I drove it night and day. Things started to pick up and my business developed. I bought another lorry. I transported stuff to other states also. Money flowed in. Bad habits came in too.'

I did wrong; I got punished

'I was young; I had a purse full of money; I had no one to advise me. I did all that one should not do in his life. I contracted

the sexual disease known as syphilis due to this. I got treatment from a doctor in another town. Treatment was harsh and very painful. So I stopped it half-way. I did not continue with the treatment anywhere else as the disease seemed to be under control.

‘Then I got married. My first child was born and died. A girl was born next. She was born lame in one leg and with no growth in the brain. Two or three years later a boy was born. He died when he was 12, with a cyst in the brain. My wife had cancer of the uterus. Around that time my family and I received salvation from the Lord Jesus Christ. My wife also died four years ago. Watching me struggle with my handicapped daughter, I was compelled by the family to take my wife’s sister as a second wife.

‘She is young. I am afraid to try for another child. I am afraid that the child may have some defect. Further, my second wife has not been saved. Am I the reason for my daughter’s condition, for the cyst in my son’s brain, for my wife’s death with cancer? My mind is restless, thinking it was my unchaste life and my decision to stop the treatment for the sexual disease.

Possessions but no happiness - guilt that kills

‘I have money. I have car and bungalow. I have 7 or 8 Lorries running. But I have no tranquility; no peace; I am tortured; I cry to God every day; I can’t sleep when I lie down; I keep awake all night; my eyes are filled with tears unbeknown to me and my pillow gets wet. Why and for whom should I live any longer? I feel like poisoning my daughter, my wife and myself, so we can all die. I am not able to carry it out because after coming into Christ I know it is a great sin to do so. I am pulled both ways.

‘I now blame myself for making such mistakes in my youth for pleasures which lasted only for a short while. Sir, I

am virtually dying each day with the guilty feeling that I have destroyed my family and my future generations. I can't say this to anyone else; I can't keep it to myself; I don't know what to do. Saying this, he started to weep inconsolably.

I allowed him to pour out all his burdens and worries which tortured him over years. After he lamented and wept and became relaxed, I comforted him. 'You should not have made those mistakes, but you have done them; you have realized your errors; you are not committing such mistakes now; you have asked the Lord for forgiveness. The Lord has forgiven all your mistakes and sins. You should not think about them and worry anymore. You have died to such a sinful life and have received new life, haven't you? Why then do you carry the old issues and are worried? Throw it away.'

'We have to experience the result and effect of the wrongs we have done. You may ask if the Lord can't change it if He cares to. There is nothing that He can't do. However, He is a righteous judge. Sometimes He punishes us here thus to uphold justice. Only then we can pay up for all our debts and dues and be clean and holy when we go to heaven. Even if He punishes us, He will definitely give us the strength to bear the punishment. Do not be dismayed. Submit everything under the Lord's feet and be at peace. You should not try to carry the burden which you have unloaded to the Lord'. After I thus comforted him, I saw his face relaxed and peaceful. See how the sin tortures a person who has sinned? See how David cries saying, '**my sin is ever before me**' in his psalm 51; 3. See how true it is when the Bible says, '**there is no health in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me**' (Ps.38;3, 4). Sin kills gradually; it tortures us; it takes away our peace; it digs a deep hole and buries our happiness. Therefore we should run away from sin. We should not allow any space to the devil. How is this possible? How can a young man keep himself pure? If we

keep the Lord's words and live in complete obedience to them, we will not commit any wrong or sin.

Sin makes us pitiable

1. It prevents and stops the relationship which we should have with God.
2. It encourages us to live according to our fallacious nature which we shouldn't be doing.
3. It creates wrong kinds of desires and lusts within us.
4. It builds a complete enclosure (tomb) around our peace.
5. It spurs us on to rebelliously commit all kinds of wrong and wicked things.
6. It creates a kind of conscience that always blames us.
7. It prevents us from living a life of faith and trust in our creator God.
8. It brings down God's anger and wrath upon us.
9. God created man in His own image. Sin prevents us from achieving the divine beauty and nature which He would like us to achieve.
10. It makes our present life hellish.
11. It will drag us to hell in our next life.
12. Isaiah 59:12 says, '**our sins testify against us**', after our death, on the Day of Judgment.

Romans 6:23 says, '**for the wages of sin is death**', (that is the death that takes place in the sea of fire and sulfur after the judgment). Ezekiel 18:20 says, '**the soul that sins shall die**'. There is no death to the soul. But the soul that sins will be tortured every day in the burning pit, the fire of hell, and after the last judgment day, will die gradually suffering like a worm. That is a death without end.

Man's life equivalent to the grass

It feels like only yesterday I completed my studies, joined AirForce, married and had my three children. I have become 73 years old so quickly. Days and years have galloped past within the twinkling of an eye. Only a few more years left; may be five or ten, or at the most 15 years more. That will also rush past soon. Then one day all our activities will cease. All will suddenly end when we are not expecting it. Eccl.9:12 says, '**Man does not know his time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net, and like birds that are caught in a snare, so the children of man are snared at an evil time, when it suddenly falls upon them.**'

Some people die in their sick-bed with prolonged illness, thinking, 'it is better to die than to keep living like this. At least everyone will have some peace if I leave soon', when they watch other people's murmuring, derision and aversion towards them. Some die suddenly. People say, 'I saw him only yesterday. He had come to the shop. He went for his walks. What kind of life is this... it is all an illusion. We have no control over it. It is all in the hands of God'. (This is the only time some people think about God!) Many will say he was a good man. So, the one certainty is that every life has to end. Death will come to everyone. When will it come? Is it now, or sometime later? Only He knows it. But it will come; it will certainly come. There is no escape at all for anyone.

Even if he is a great man lauded by the whole world, or a minister who by his authoritative rule terrorizes others, or a spiritual leader who accepts the worship of lakhs of his devotees and empties their purses in the name of faith, end comes for everyone. No one has ever escaped it. No one can escape from it. The psalmist says in Ps. 89:48, 'What man can live and never see death? Who can deliver his soul from the power of Sheol?' We see in Ps. 103:15, 'As for man, his days are like grass'. Job

14:1, 2 says ‘**Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble. He comes out like a flower and withers he flees like a shadow and continues not.**’ James 4 says, ‘**What is your life? for you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.**’

But we assume that we are going to live forever in this world, and collect and save all kinds of riches, jewels and treasures, in unjust ways. We go against many people for the sake of this; we show hatred and jealousy towards many people; we say things that should not be said; we live as we please; we lord over others; we betray their trust; we show hatred, militancy, rage and pride; we disregard our brotherly relationship for half a cent of land; we involve ourselves in extremism and terrorism for the sake of religion and caste; we use all wicked, unjust ways to capture political power; we create problems in the country and sacrifice the innocent, common people.

What are we going to take away with us at the end? Not a single thing. The things we now have, such as the educational qualifications, position, possessions, health, caste, society, wife, children, kith and kin, nothing or no one is going to accompany us. One day we are going to leave all this behind and go alone. The very treasures which we accumulated will stand against us as an adversary, enemy and nemesis at the end.

‘**Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire,**’ says James 5:1-3.

If you sow sin, you cannot reap profit

There is only one thing that is going to accompany us. The things which we did, good or bad, just or unjust, wicked, iniquitous, passionate, quarrelsome things, all that we did from

birth to our last breath, will accompany us. They will come to testify against us and bare our souls. Isaiah 59:12 says, '**our sins testify against us**'. We'll certainly reap the consequence to our sin. We receive benefit if our deeds are good. It will be a calamity if we sin. If we sow millet, we should reap millet. If we sow sinful deeds we cannot harvest goodness from it. Each one receives according to his actions.

God knows whatever we do in secret even though we think no one will know. The devil also knows. Isaiah 47:10, 11 clearly says, '**you said in your heart, "no one sees me". But evil shall come upon you, which you will not know how to charm away; disaster shall fall upon you, for which you will not be able to atone; and ruin shall come upon you suddenly, of which you know nothing**'. Heb.4: 13 says, '**and no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account**'. Prov. 5:21 says, '**For a man's ways are before the eyes of the Lord and he ponders all his paths**'.

The God who is patient and kills

You may think that the man who selfishly gathered his treasure by dishonest means is living a great life without any problems. I too used to think that way when I noticed some people, the politicians, those who deceive people in the name of spirituality, those who sell adulterated food stuff and those who extract heavy interest on their loans to people. What is wrong with them? They live alright. God has no eyes. This is how I used to think. I realized how wrong I was, only after reading the Bible.

I realized that God is waiting patiently for a long time

and watches everything that is happening, from Eccl.8:11-13, '**Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil. Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life.... it will not be well with the wicked**' and from Job 35:15,

'and now, because his anger does not punish, and he does not take much note of transgression' (there is more).

He may look very posh outside, but he will toss around sleepless in the nights, without peace or tranquility, with no one to comfort him, not being able to share his troubles with others, worries about being raided, about losing his ill-gotten goods, about being scrutinized by the income tax people and such things. He can't digest the food that he eats, he can't eat the food that he loves to eat in spite of all his riches, has problems with his blood pressure, sugar, cholesterol and hypertension. His food won't get digested unless he pops in a handful of tablets along with his few mouthful of food.

In addition to all these, he faces the Bible's warnings such as, (Jer. 6.26) '**suddenly the destroyer will come upon us**' and (Prov.6:15) '**therefore calamity will come upon him suddenly; in a moment he will be broken beyond healing**', which have been reinforced by the psalmist who watches the lives of the wicked, and sings of their destruction, in Ps. 73:3, 17. 19, '**I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end. How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors**'. Prov. 10:24 says, '**What the wicked dreads will come upon him**' and 2 Pet. 2:9 says, '**to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment**'.

The curse of our sin will also affect our children

'If the righteous is repaid on earth, how much more the wicked and the sinner', warns the Bible (Prov. 11.31). It is not just that. It seems that the evil deeds which the wicked do will affect his children and the future generations. God says very explicitly in Exod. 20:5, 34:7, Deut. 5:9, Num. 14:17, '**visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me**'. Dan. 9:16 says,

'because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a byword among all who are around us'. Job 21:19 says, 'God stores up their iniquity for their children. Let him pay it out to them, that they may know it. Let their own eyes see their destruction' See how our children and our future generations get affected by it?

The tale of the countless rebirths

Before I came into Christ, I believed it was not just the one live that was given to human beings. Several lives are to be re-lived. I was under the impression that until our sins are completely erased by practicing good deeds, charity, offering of food, devotion, fasting, bathing in sacred rivers, making amends to sins etc., we have to be reborn again and again and suffer in the cycle of rebirths. I also thought that the next life will be chosen according to the sins we commit now. My eyes were open only after reading the holy Bible. I understood clearly that only one life is given to man, and after that he will be judged according to his deeds and go either to heaven or to hell. Heb.9:27 says, '**it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment**'.

Some people have memories of the previous life

A man asked me, 'Some people have memories of previous incarnation. They can precisely say that they were married to so and so at such and such a place, in such and such a town and had so many children, mentioning all the names. How are they able to say that? Can they say it if there was no previous existence? There is definitely a previous life and a next life. Look at the house across the road. The child was born lame there. How can a child sin before he was born? Why should he be born like that? He must have sinned in his previous life. That is why he is born with a defect in this life. Reckon all these facts and your answer will correctly point to this'. He smugly looked at me for having cleverly put all these points to corner me.

I asked him, ‘what were you in your last life?’ He said he didn’t know. ‘How is it that they know but you don’t? If it has to be known, all should know. Has God forgotten to erase the memory of just one person regarding their earlier life? Will God make mistakes? There will be a great deluge if the creator God makes even one mistake. God does everything in an orderly, diligent and perfect manner. If only one or two people talk about their previous existence, there must be some mystery about it. All this is Satan’s work; work of the evil spirits. He creates tales and baseless yarns against all that God has said, and turns the minds of people away from His word.

We can’t speak to the spirits of the dead

People say that they want to speak to and consult with their dead father, mother, husband or wife, using séance. All this is ‘kurali vithai’ using evil spirits, and the devil’s craftiness; nothing else. The devil will use a number of cunning ideas. He will do anything.

It will never do to think that we can recompense for our sins in the next rebirth and enjoy the pleasures of this life as much as possible. We have to receive the forgiveness for our sins in this life, while this life is still in our body. The alternative is only the burning hell at the end of this life. We can’t do anything after we die, or during the judgment or after the judgment is given. Time is running out. So beware.

Won’t the body burn if the son doesn’t light the pyre?

If a man dies, only his son or grandson or father should light the funeral pyre. We think that the body won’t burn otherwise. The body and the spirit are bound together only as long as we are alive. Once we die, the spirit separates from the body. The body is like a shirt. Once the shirt is torn, we remove it and throw it away. Similarly, the spirit shakes off and leaves the fleshy body at the Lord’s appointed time. Then the body

belongs to the earth. This body becomes one with the earth whether the pyre is lit or not. If we are incinerated we become dust. If we are buried we rot and become part of the soil. No matter, whoever lights the fire, we will burn to ashes.

A great number of people died all at once during tsunami devastation and the Gujarat earth quake. Did we not bury all the bodies dug out from the area, in the same common burial pit, without consideration to their caste or creed? What happened to the lighting of pyre then? These days an electric incinerator burns the body to ashes within ten minutes, by just turning the switch on. I am not implying that we should in any way reduce the respect, esteem and regard given out of our great love to those who lived with us and have died. Death is a permanent separation. We can't express the degree of sorrow, sadness, loneliness, depression and separation which the bereaved experience. But shaving one's hair, offering milk on the third day, or pouring the ashes in the river, pond or sea, will never give peace to that soul.

The dead can't bless us

Thus, observing 'divasam' every year, observing 'karumaadi', dissolving of the ashes in the river by the priests, preparing all kinds of food enjoyed by the dead person when they were alive, and offering it to god, none of these is going to reach the dead. Decorating the photograph or sculpture of the dead with garlands, flowers, lights, agarbathis or worshipping it with incense, none of these will ever reach them. Their souls will not get peace or rest due to this. We will never get any blessings from them. Depending on the good or bad, sinful or saintly deeds they have performed when they were alive, their eternal life will be either in heaven or hell. That is all.

Instead of observing the above-mentioned puja, punashkaras, if we do something for an orphanage, an old people's home, lepers' rehabilitation or poor children's

education in the memory of the dead, it will be a blessing to us. However, it will only help the one who does them. It will not reach the dead soul. In fact, if we honor the photograph or idol of the dead by offering puja with incense and flowers, all the surrounding evil spirits, demons, imps and goblins will come and stay there and receive all the offerings and in turn, cause incurable diseases, weaknesses, problems, troubles and lack of peace to that family.

There is life after death

There is a life after this earthly life. That is eternal life. ... It is a life which has no end, and goes on for eons and several lakhs and crores of years. This eternal life depends on the deeds we have done when we lived on this earth. After the human beings finish their life on this earth, there is something known as the judgment. Rom. 14: 10 clearly says, '**we will all stand before the judgment seat of God**'. All the deeds we have done from the day we were born until the last breath, will be carefully scrutinized, tested and analyzed, and then, it will be decided whether we have to go to heaven or hell, according to our deeds. It will be a judgment without any favoritism or inequality.

The righteous Judge who judges

The reason is that the Judge who will judge is righteous. He is no other than the Lord Jesus Christ who created the whole universe, all the worlds, all kinds of living things, and protects, feeds and takes care of all His creation. Only He will judge us.

Heb. 10:30 says, '**The Lord will judge his people**'. Gen. 18:25 asks us, '**shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?**' There is a judgment. There are several verses about it. I will quote only a few below.

1. 'He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness' Ps. 96:13.

2. 'judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy', James 2:13
3. 'The Lord knows ..., and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the Day of Judgment, and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones', 2 Pet. 2:9, 10.
4. '...being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly', 2 Pet. 3:7
5. 'which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire', Jude 7.
6. 'Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him', Jude 14,15.
7. 'everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire', Matt. 5:22.
8. 'In the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them', Exod. 32:34.
9. 'He will remember their iniquity and punish their sins', Jer. 14:10.
10. 'And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment', Heb. 9:27.
11. 'but a man of evil devices he condemns', Prov. 12:2.
12. 'My transgression would be sealed up in a bag, and you would cover over my iniquity', Job 14:17.

13. ‘For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?’, 1 Pet. 4:17.
14. ‘Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged’, James.5:9
15. ‘Let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation’, James.5:12.
16. ‘I have the keys of Death and Hades’ Matt. 16:18, Rev. 1:18.
17. In the book of Revelations, out of a total of 404 verses, 191 verses are warnings about judgment and hell.

Heaven and hell is not an imaginary tale

All the religions agree on the existence of heaven, hell and judgment. The Hindu religious scriptures and Puranas declare this. Garuda Purana, Bavishya Purana, Saathathaba Vasanam and so many Vedas, puranas and sages like agasthiya munivar, thiruvulluvar and many others have categorically told about Hell. The Koran too says the same thing. Sikh Granthas do not negate this. The holy Bible which contains the words of our Lord says this very emphatically, clearly and firmly. Jesus Christ has warned against hell in His first sermon (Matt. 5:29, 30), and his last sermon (Matt. 23:33). He has spoken 24 times about heaven (sorgam, motcham, vaigundam) and 56 times about hell. In the book of Revelations, about half the verses are warnings against judgment and hell. Some Christians are very careless about hell and judgment and are not concerned about it. They do not realize its seriousness. It is worse in other religions. There is no one at any time, to explain to them about judgment and hell and put its fear into their hearts firmly. Our Hindu brothers and sisters have deep faith. But their faith has not protected them from their sinful thoughts and actions.

They continue on without any repentance, committing more sins and have fallen in the muddy, sinful life. My heart and flesh tremble when I think that they can't go to heaven with all their blemishes of sin.

If someone has been hit and is lying on the street in a serious health condition, do we ask which religion or caste they belong to? Don't we feel distressed for their condition? In the same way, when I think of the torment in hell, when I think of them squirming and struggling in the fiery furnace of hell, my heart forgets to beat. Jesus Christ sacrificed himself as atonement for all the sins of the world and has given us freedom from sin, because He does not want anyone to go to hell due to our sins. If anyone accepts this salvation with faith they can escape from hell and go to heaven irrespective of their caste or creed. I am writing this with that concern and anxiety. Not for a change of religion, but for a change of heart. Say 'NO' to religion. NO religion is required. God has not created religion or caste. Only Man has made this. Let us look for God beyond religion, not within religion.

Here is the Evidence for the Unquenchable Fire

There are several Bible verses which prove that hell is real. I am quoting only a few so as to not use too many pages on that.

1. 'You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?', Matt. 23:33
2. 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched', Mark 9:48
3. 'But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death', Rev. 21:8
4. 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels', Matt. 25:41

5. 'And these will go away into eternal punishment', Matt. 25:46
6. 'The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God', Ps. 9:17
7. 'For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chain of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment', 2 Pet. 2:4
8. 'And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire', Rev. 20:15
9. 'The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth', Matt.13:41-43
10. 'Sheol is naked before God, and Abaddon has no covering', Job 26:6
11. 'Therefore Sheol has enlarged its appetite and opened its mouth beyond measure', Isa. 5:14
12. 'And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name', Rev.
13. 'For a fire is kindled by my anger, and it burns to the depths of Sheol, devours the earth and its increase, and sets on fire the foundations of the mountains', Deut. 32:22
14. the Bible clearly says that it is a deep darkness, outer darkness, hell of fire, fiery furnace, lake of fire, smoke of torment, a place where there is weeping gnashing of teeth - Matt. 13:42, 18:8,9, Rev. 14:10, 11, 19:20, 20:10, 14:18, 21:8

15. In the Bible, the word SHEOL in Hebrew language and the words HADES, GEHENNA, TARTARUS in Greek language, have been used to refer to hell.

Old memories and consciences will be fresh in hell

There are several other verses in the Bible, describing the hell. For example, the torment in hell is described in the story of Lazarus and the rich man, in Luke 16th chapter. Please read that portion. Hell is a tormenting place. Not only the spirit, but the body also gets tormented there. In Luke 16:24, the rich man cries, '**I am in anguish in this flame**'. In verse 27 he begs that '**his brothers still living on the earth should not come to that hell**'. This shows that, his old memories, relationships and feelings are not forgotten when he is in hell.

He is constantly tormented by his memories which are fresh with the sins he had committed and the things that he had omitted to do while on earth. He will be lamenting, saying,

'Alas, how many people have told me about sin and that only the blood of Jesus Christ can get rid of the sins and that no one or nothing else can remove them. I never listened to any of them and repented. Now I can only think about it and cry. I am not able to do anything else about it'. We can't express the horrors of hell in simple words and explain them in human terms. It is horrible; extremely horrible. There are no words powerful enough to describe it. It is that dreadful.

Once a sister phoned me with tears, from the GH, and requested me to go to her immediately. I went to the GH immediately because of the agony in her voice. Ah.. I could not watch the horror with my eyes. Their youthful daughter - a good-looking young lady - had some problem in the family.

She could not tolerate her mother's admonition, and dousing herself in kerosene, set herself alight. Three fourths of her body was burnt, with her flesh broken all over, charred, hands and feet

twisted, her face looking too gruesome to watch. My stomach churns with grief even now, when I remember the screams of her agony. I can't forget the sobbing of her mother saying, 'please ask the doctor to end her misery with an injection to end her life'.

There was another patient in the next bed. Someone had attacked him with acid, due to political hatred. His face, eye, nose, lips, all had been cooked, charred, making his face shapeless. The agony the man was experiencing in spite of the sedatives given to reduce his pain, intense burning sensation, and heat, was unbearable. It was horrendous to watch him trying to cope with his intense pain, by biting his teeth so hard. It was agony, torment and despair there. The whole ward was meant for the patients of burn cases only.

There was a child aged one year and six months. When his mother left him near the stove and went to the front entrance of the house, the child crawled to the stove and pulled it. The stove turned over and the contents of the cooking pot poured over and also the kerosene from the stove poured out, causing fire, the child was caught between the fire and the hot sauce from the pot. The child's soft skin peeled, exploded, and caused havoc. Oh.., no, Lord, no one should experience such horror. The hearts of all who watched the mother's agony bled with sympathy.

If the earthly fire or acid can cause such unbearable agony, imagine how much more the torment will be in hell, in the lake of fire, lake of sulfur, fiery furnace, fire that never stops, that we will suffer for ages and ages, without end. To top it all, annoying of the worms that never die... in the bones... just imagine. It will be thousand times worse than that you imagined. Just think a little about your wife, husband, children, parents, brothers and sisters, friends, loved ones – all being there forever, suffering. Aren't you shivering as you think about this?

The Lord had not prepared this hell for our sake. It is the place prepared by Him for Lucifer (now Satan) and his company of angels (now the demons, evil spirits and all of Satan's army) who once praised and worshipped God in heaven. We ourselves seek hell by doing the actions which are hated by the Lord, the sins, wickedness, immorality, injustice, inequity and the idolatry which He despises.

Who else will be thrown into the lake of fire?

Not only Satan and his angels will be thrown into the lake of fire. '**The faithless (those who do not believe in, and accept, that Jesus Christ is the only true God), the detestable, murderer, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters (it is idolatry even if one worships an image of Jesus Christ or His disciples, or mother, or father, or anyone or anything other than the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If we love any person or anything or profession or jewellery or relationship more than we love Jesus Christ that is also a form of idolatry), and liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death'**, says Rev. 21:8. Not only these. '**He whose name was not found written in the book of life**' (Rev. 20:15), '**those who cause others to sin, and do evil things to them**' (Mark 9:42-48, Matt.13:41-43), all these will take their part in the lake of fire after the Day of Judgment.

Self righteousness will not remove sin

A man goes to his doctor due to certain illness. He tells the doctor all about his problems. The doctor who examines him discovers a big sized abdominal growth. He also advises that the man has to have an immediate operation to remove the growth. Now, can that man remove the growth by himself, with his own effort? Perhaps he could have prevented it from growing at all. Or, perhaps if it had been diagnosed when it was only a small lump, he could have controlled it without an operation. He can't do anything by himself when the growth has become so big.

In the same way we can't remove, by our own efforts, the sinful practices, anger, hatred, irritability, jealousy, vengefulness, pride, haughtiness, waywardness, prostitution and all such sinful things which have found their way into us due to our lusts of the flesh and the urging of the devil.

The sins we have committed can't be erased by anything or anyone, by atonement or by puja punaskaram. It can't be removed by yoga or kayakalpa training or transcendental meditation or by meditating and awakening the kundalini energy by moving the energy from the base of the spine up to Sahasrara.

No human guru can remove the sin. It can't be removed by falling at the feet and worshipping of those who are known as avatara purushas. I have done all these; but my sinful habits, evil character, guilt, none of them left me. Everyone does this thinking their sins will be washed away if they do these things. If we follow their good advice, perhaps we may not sin so much. But these will not remove the sins which have already been committed.

No other god has shed his blood except Jesus

No idol which we call God, can remove our sins. They don't have the power; because, the Sampurna Mahabharatham itself says, 'ratha pradosham paava vinasm'. Even God can't give forgiveness to sin without the shedding of blood. This is written in the Thandiya Maha Brahmanam, which is the second part of Samaveda. No god has died or shed blood for the sake of man. Nothing known as god has forgiven man of his sins. They only take incarnations to destroy, defeat and kill the sinners, according to Hindu religious scriptures and puranas. Some examples of these from the puranas are, hiranyavadam, naragasuravadam, padmasuravadam, virugasuravatham, surasamharam.

Some people think that their sinful actions lodged in their innermost selves can be automatically erased if they just do

some good deeds and register those in place of their sins, just as one can automatically erase a song on a musical tape by recording another song on top of the existing song. Their belief may be true for the case of a tape recording, but it is not possible to super-impose anything on the sin stained soul and cover the sins.

The faces of the teachers who taught us in our elementary and middle school are registered in our mind. Then while studying in the high school and college, we are taught by so many teachers, lecturers and professors. Their faces also get registered in our mind. Does this mean that the faces of the earlier teachers get hidden or disappear from our mind? No, it is still the same. Similarly, every sin, thought and action committed since our childhood stays, registered in us. They do not disappear or diminish by any good deed we do.

The sins we committed by our life-blood can only be removed by blood. They can't be removed by the blood of another sinner. One criminal can't bail out another criminal. Only a person without a criminal record can bail him. In the same way, the blood that never sinned should be shed for our sins. Wh freedom from the sin we have committed. Though He was the almighty God who created this world, He had to shed His own blood in order to release the people He created from their sin. This is godly righteousness; the righteousness established by Him. He can't overrule it. God is a judge. '**He is a righteous judge**' (Ps.7:11). He is bound by His own righteousness.

Jesus Christ was born on this earth to save sinners, not the righteous. That He should be born thus and die to atone for sin, was determined earlier. This was foretold by prophets and priests 700 years before the birth of Jesus Christ. We can understand this clearly if we read the holy Bible.

Can we wash our hands off our own child who sins due to his circumstances, and decide that he will never get better?

We will surely think, Can't he too repent, become righteous, a citizen of heaven and a child of God? Only the parents will be anxious if their children go astray. They would do anything to correct them. Only the parents who gave birth to them would do this. No one else would.

In the same way, the One created these humans only would take their penalty on Himself. No one else would do that. Only Jesus Christ created this earth and the humans. Therefore, He offered Himself, His precious life, as a sacrifice to save His people. No other god died to save us; no other god shed his blood for us. Is it not clear from this that only Jesus Christ created this cosmos and all the people on this earth?

He doesn't wish any of His created people to go to hell. He says, '**I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live**', in Ezek. 33:11. '**He is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance**', says 2 Pet.3:9. Our God, who is a consuming fire, is patiently waiting for us to repent. Without realizing this we continue to live as we like and travel the path to hell as though God has no eyes to see our deeds.

Hell is a dreadful torture chamber

Hell is a cruel place. It is a place which creates unimaginable pain, agony, gnashing of teeth and suffering. We will be tortured there forever, night and day, without any respite, with no one to offer sympathy, pity, mercy, love or compassion. We will feel it is better to die, but death won't come. The excruciating pain will reach every cell of the body. It is a torture chamber which is horrendous beyond imagination.

The Lord Jesus Christ has taken several saints and righteous people to heaven and hell and shown them the sights. The Lord wishes that these people should proclaim what they have witnessed to the people of earth so that the sinners will repent, no one would go astray and no soul would go to hell and suffer.

I have the pleasure of reading the testimony of many such people. Bro. Alan Paul, who runs the Blessing TV, has published a cassette regarding hell. If I put them all down, they will cover several volumes. So I have chosen just a few of those and shortened them and published them here. None of these is an imaginary tale. They are all true.

This has been published not to frighten the readers, but that no one should go to hell. The readers should have a fear of sins if they don't want to go to hell. They should confess their sins and get forgiveness for them. And then they should not commit any more sin. Jesus Christ is the only way for that. Only He can forgive the sins we have committed. I am writing this to make you realize that there is no one or nothing else that can forgive us our sins. I am publishing this book in order to broadcast to the whole world that only Jesus Christ is able to give joy, peace and tranquility in this earthly life, and to give eternal life in heaven, sorgam or vaigundam, after our life here

My motive is not to convert you from your religion. I am writing this with the great desire, anxiety, true concern and pregnant pain, that you should have a change of heart regarding sin; you should obtain a peaceful life; that you should have a loving and affectionate relationship with your parents, friends, relatives, siblings, wife, children and neighbors; a noble life of helping each other. I am stating with tears the truth that God has revealed to me. It is sufficient for this slave of Christ if only a few repent of sin wholeheartedly after reading this.

Shall we look at the reactions of those who had actually seen hell and explained its dreadfulness? Take a little courage and read. Hell is like a big world. It expands itself according to its need. It is difficult for anyone to see all of it. Is there anyone who has seen every nook and cranny of this world? There is no one who has even seen all parts of Chennai. Have we seen the hutment along the river Coovam in Saidapet? It is another world in there!

Similarly there are several sections in hell. Some have seen only some parts. Each has written exactly what they have seen.

Therefore each person's experience, the place seen, the path, all these will differ from the other. So, do not get confused. But, these are all true; believe it. It is your loss if you argue that you will only believe after you yourself see it. Read it with a prayer that you and your people should never go there for any reason. May God bless you!

I saw the door of the burning hell in the bottom of the pit

- Kenneth Hagin -

Kenneth Hagin, the man of God, has most wonderfully done God's ministry for more than 65 years as no one else has done so far. He touched and turned several millions of hearts to Jesus Christ through his broadcasts, good news meetings, spiritual books, Rema Bible College and through other ministries. Do you know how God chose him? He was resurrected from death several times. But before every resurrection he was taken to hell's deep pit and shown all its despair and agony, and told to teach people of it and be a living witness to its horror. Shall we listen to his account of these incidents briefly?

I was born premature

I was born premature, with a defective heart and with a blood-related disease which baffled the whole medical profession. I was born with a weight of under one kilogram. In 1918 there were no medical facilities, advanced skills or discoveries as there are today. It was very rare for a premature baby to survive. I survived in spite of that. But I could not run and play like other children did. I didn't have a normal active

childhood. I somehow grew up to the age of 15. I lived for the sake of living.

My heart stopped beating

I was bedridden when I was 15 years old. Each of the 5 doctors who checked me said very firmly that I wouldn't live and that I would die any minute. From the time I was born, my mother, my grand mother and my brother, all showed more love and care for me because of my disability. They were filled with sorrow when they learnt from the doctors that my end was approaching. The house was engulfed with the gloom of death. That was April 22nd of 1933. My life and feelings were slowly weakening. My heart stopped beating when my grand father's clock on the wall struck 7:30 that evening. I could feel it all very well. My blood stopped flowing from the top of my head to the tips of my toes. Numbness started from my big toe, spread to my feet, ankles, knees, hips, stomach and my heart. I leaped out of my body. I did not lose consciousness. I leaped out of my body like a diver would leap off a diving board into a swimming pool. I knew very well that I was outside my body. I could see my family in the room, but I couldn't contact them. I wanted to say 'good bye' to them, but I came out of the body before I could finish saying those words.

I fell into a deep pit

I began to descend down. My dying words were echoed from the deep well, a deep bottomless pit. I started to descend into the pit as I was saying 'good bye'. The three people who were near me later told me that my voice sounded as though it came from a deep well, when I said 'good bye'.

I continued to descend. I went down..down..d.o.w.n, feet first. I could look up and see the lights of the Earth. As I went further down they faded and finally disappeared. Darkness surrounded me. No one on earth could have seen such darkness - an utter darkness.

As I went down further, it became not only darker, blacker, but also hotter. The heat increased and became unbearable and sufficient to incinerate one. As I went down in that darkness, in the valley of death, I saw a little light in the darkness, and it increased. Very soon I reached the bottom of the pit. As I was descending to the bottom I understood where the light was coming from.

Flaming fires of the gates of hell

I saw the gates of hell in front of me, and great, mountainous, orange-colored flames of fire behind them. As I neared it, I was pulled towards the gates like a magnet would draw a piece of iron. I knew that all will be finished if I entered into those gates of death, and that I could never come out of it. I resisted very hard trying not to go through the entrance. Though I reached the bottom of the pit, I could see a path sloping down. I was conscious of the presence of a large, giant like creature near me. I didn't turn to look at it. Though all my attention was drawn to the fiery flames at the entrance, I could sense the presence of this being from the gut-wrenching smell of death emanating from its body.

The holy Bible clearly explains the experiences I have narrated so far. I had not realized its true magnitude though I had read them several times. Only after I had seen it in front of me that I understood the words from Isa. 14:9, '**Sheol beneath is stirred up to meet you when you come; it rouses the shades to greet you, all who were leaders of the earth; it raises from their thrones all who were kings of the nations**'. How true is each word from the Bible!

When the creature realized that I was delaying my entrance, it held my arm with its iron grip and dragged me to the gates. As it was dragging me down, a thunderous voice spoke from the darkness above, which shook the whole place. It sounded like a male voice, but I didn't understand what he said. He

did not speak in English. It was a foreign language which I didn't comprehend. I didn't know whether it was God, Jesus, or an angel. But the whole place shook with those few words. Immediately the dreadful creature removed its iron grip from my arm. That was all. A suction power pulled me up.

Some great power pulled me up from behind like a powerful whirlpool. I left the entrance of that dreadful hell and stood aside. I was shaking all over. My tongue was parched. I had unbearable pain, agony, dread and deadly fear. A force from above pulled me like a magnet. I started to float upward, head first, through the darkness. As I floated up, I began to see the lights. I came up to the porch of my grand father's house. I entered, not through the door or the window, but through the wall and slipped into my body as one slips a foot into the shoe. I saw my grand mother sitting on the edge of the bed, holding my hands, just before I slipped into my body.

I spoke to her soon after I went into my body. I said, 'Granny, I am going again, and I won't return'. She held my hands tightly and said with tears in her eyes, 'my dear, I thought you will never return'. I said, 'where is mother? I need to say 'goodbye' to her'. She said, 'I told your mother that you had left us. She was overwhelmed by her grief and has gone to the prayer room and is on her knees praying'. I said, 'tell mummy that I love her'. Grandma got up to call my mother. I said, 'Granny, don't leave me. I'm afraid I'll go away while you are gone'. Granny took me up and embraced me with her thin arms, held me close and kissed me and said, 'no, my child, I won't leave you and go anywhere. Don't worry'. I too kissed her. As I was saying, 'I love you, Granny', I felt myself slipping away.

My heart stopped the second time

As I was tightly holding my grandma's neck saying, 'Granny, I am going...good bye', my heart stopped for the second time. Though it happened about 50 years ago, it is fresh in my

memory, as though it just happened. I could feel the blood circulation stopping. Starting from my big toes, my feet, ankles, knees, hips, stomach and heart became numb. I leaped out of my body and came out and was going down.., down.., down.. into the abyss. It took only a few seconds to go down, but it felt like an eternity.

Absolute darkness engulfed me. The lights above disappeared completely. As I went down the pit it got hotter and hotter and when it was unbearable, I knew I was at the bottom. Then I saw the gates of hell.. blazing with fiery flames. When I dreaded to approach it, I sensed the dreadful creature approaching me.

A force drew me to the entrance. The huge creature held my arm. Once again someone said a few words in a thunder-like voice. These few words caused the whole place to shudder. Immediately the creature dropped my arm. Once again I was pulled up from above by a suction force and I was floating. As I came up I started to see the lights. I came out of the abyss. But this time I stood near my bed.

My breathing stopped for the third time

I see my body lying on the bed. Grandma is holding my hands. I slipped into my body. Realizing that my eyes were slightly opened and my grip on her hands was tightened, my grandma looked at me astonished. I spoke softly to grandma, 'granny, I am going again. I won't return again. Where is grandpa? Tell grandpa that I said 'good bye'. I am going.. good bye'. My heart stopped beating for the third time. I leaped out of my body.. down..down.. I am descending down the abyss.

Is this happening to me? Is this my imagination? It can't be true. Then I think; this is the third time; I won't recover this time; I won't survive; I won't return. Darkness surrounds me. The Bible words in Matt. 8: 12, '**while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth**', are they true?

I cry out, 'No... No... my God, I am a Christian. I attend your church. I have been baptised. There was no reply. I could hear only the echo of my voice through the darkness. Once again I cry out louder, 'I am a Christian. I should not go to hell Lord!' (it isn't sufficient to be a nominal Christian, being baptised or attending church regularly, in order to escape from hell and go to heaven). Only my screams echoed back in that deep darkness. I was frightened to hear it.

I came again to the bottom of that pit. Again I approached the entrance, the gates into hell. That giant like creature took me by the arm. Again that voice spoke. I was released and pulled upward. Once again I came into my bedroom and slipped into my body. When I opened my eyes, the time in my Grandpa's wall clock was 7:40. Therefore, my life departed thrice from my body and I went to the gates of hell thrice, all within the 10 minutes. But when I experienced it, it felt like eternity.

God's glory was revealed

I was bedridden for 4 months after this. The 5 doctors who tested me said, 'there is absolutely no chance of your survival. Your life may depart any time'. Four days before my 16th birthday my condition became worse. Though the temperature outside was 106 degrees that day, my body was shivering with cold and fever. I lay covered with several blankets and hot packs, but I was still shivering.

I knew I was dying from the experience I have had with death. It was 1:30 in the afternoon. I said hastily to my little brother, 'run and get Mother. I need to say goodbye to her'. He rushed out of the room. As soon as he left the room, God's glory filled that room. We see in the Bible, in the 7th chapter of Acts of the Apostles, that when Stephen was stoned to death he saw the glory of God. We see in the Old Testament that God's glory appeared several times as cloud - white, bright and glistening. My whole room filled with such a bright light, brighter than

sun shining on the snow. I left my body and entered into His glorious brightness. I ascended to the ceiling of the house and looked back and saw my body lying on the bed, with my mouth and eyes open in death. My mother stooped over my body to close my eyes and my mouth.

The mighty voice of the Gentle Lord

Then I heard a clear voice in English. That must be the voice of Jesus Christ. It was a gentle voice, revealing God's love, sweeter than honey to my ears, and at the same time, powerful enough like a sharp sword to pierce the hardest heart and melt it. This voice, with the authority to create and rule over the whole universe, said, 'Go back! Go back! Your work is not completed on earth.'

I came down to my room and entered into my body. I said to my mother, who was holding my hand, 'Momma, I am not going to die now.' My mother assumed that I wasn't going to die that moment. But I said that I was going to live my life in full and that I was going to do God's work and until then I wouldn't die. (It was one year later that I was totally healed, to the astonishment of doctors and the world of medicine, when I believed God's word and acted on it.)

My vision of the holy God

After several years, when my mother remembered the time I entered into God's glory and returned to life, she said, 'your brother ran into the kitchen and said breathlessly, 'Momma... Granny, Ken is dying'. I rushed out of the kitchen, past the hall and the dining room, and reached your room. But I couldn't enter it. It seemed as though something was occupying your room. I realized that it was God's glory, His mighty presence. I backed up and went into the dining room and bowed my head started to pray. Your Granny, who rushed out following me in spite of her 70 years of age, tried to enter your room. But she bounced back with the same speed, as a ball. She tried again

to enter your room and got bounced off once again. Without realizing why this was happening, she tried again to get into your room, but something stopped her from entering the room.

'She hung onto the door and looked into the room and said, 'Lillie, I can't see anything. The room is filled with something like a fog or a white cloud. I can't see anything in the room. I am not able to get into the room. Why?' I told her, 'it is better to wait outside for some time.' Again I bowed my head and prayed.

'After waiting for about 10 minutes, Granny noticed the cloud lifting and the fog disappearing. We didn't dare to go into your room. Granny stood at the door and watched the whole thing. After Granny said, 'it is all gone', I ran into your room and stooped and took your hand into mine and you were gone. But within a few seconds I sensed your heart beat, and you said, 'Momma, I am not going to die now.'

Even if we die we will be alive in Christ

From that time onwards, I have never felt sad when Christians die whether they are young, middle aged, or old. Though healing belongs to us, and has been earned for us by the death of Jesus Christ on the cross, it is God's will if anything happens beyond that. We all have to leave this body one day. But if a man, who has taken Christ as his own Saviour, dies, he is going to go to his eternal home in heaven. I don't feel sadness or sorry for them, because I know where they are going.

But what is the position of those who die without the knowledge of Jesus Christ or rejecting or denying Him? When I was sick in bed, my Granny's cousin, a distant relative, used to visit her once in three months. She was short tempered; an atheist. No one could speak to her of God or Jesus Christ. She would be full of rage and rave about it. She won't stop her yelling until her daughter came in and dragged her out from there.

'To say there is a heaven or hell is absolute rubbish. The preachers say such things only to scare people. Once a man

dies it is the end of him. His chapter is closed. I can't bear the preachers exaggerating everything and scaring everyone. All the churches ought to be closed and bombed. All the preachers should be shot and killed. Only then the country will improve. They are there only for the money. Who would preach if there is no money? No one will', she would rant. We would regret having said anything to her.

The pitiable end of the old lady who spoke atheism

Years after I was healed and worked in the ministry, my wife's father rang me up one day and said, 'The daughter of the aunt who is your Granny's distant relative, called to say that her mother is in death bed. Please visit her sometime when you can'. Immediately I went to visit her. That aunt's daughter welcomed me and with tears described her mother's condition. She said pitifully, 'Kenneth, do you remember my mother? No one could speak to her about God. A few minutes ago the doctors have just said that there is no hope and that she is dying. Could you please speak to her?' I said I would certainly speak to her.

She took me by the hand and led me to the back bedroom where her mother was lying. Though she was only 72 years of age she looked much older by the disease that had ravaged her. She was lying in a half-seated position on a hospital bed. Her eyes looked glazed, her mouth open, her head slanted. She couldn't breathe well and there was a gurgling noise from her throat. The daughter held her hand and called out to her several times, but there was no reply from her. There was no movement in her body. Her eyes didn't turn. The daughter stooped close to her ear and called her loudly, 'Momma, see who has come'. Her dried out lips parted a little to say, 'who?' She said, 'Kenneth, Lillie aunt's son.. he is the preacher Kenneth. He has come to see you'.

As soon as she heard the word 'preacher', her body jerked as though it was pierced by a needle. She said, 'Kenneth, where are you', and with her thin hand searched around and held my hand. She didn't move.

It is dark

'Kenneth, you are a preacher now. You know everything. There is no hell. Isn't it? Please tell me. I have said that all the preachers should be shot and killed. I am afraid now. I am afraid... oh.. It is dark... it is so dark... I am going into a pit. It is so dark...' as she was saying thus, her head fell on the pillow. There was on more movement.

As she was saying, 'It is so dark. It is so dark. I am going into a pit', she died and went to hell. My sisters and brothers, who read this, shun hell and gain heaven. It may appear like an old tale to several people. But the old Bible words are still proved to be true.

Pastor Daniel's resurrection

**(A true incident, witnessed by doctors and several people
who were there)**

Pastor Daniel Ekechukwu is the pastor of the 'Power Chapel Evangelical Church' in Onitsha in Nigeria in the African continent. On 30.11.2001 he died in a car accident, and was resurrected hours after his death. If one reads the account of what happened during those 42 hours, it will be apparent that this was the miracle of the 21st century; that it is a testimony to God's miracles even today to those who believe, according to His words, '**I will show you great and mighty things**', '**you will see the glory of God if you believe**'. Pastor Daniel's death and resurrection have been confirmed by several doctors, mortuary records and several researchers who analysed this case.

Vomit of blood

On 29.11.2001 pastor Daniel and his wife Nneka had a misunderstanding, and Nneka fought back when Daniel used harsh words towards her. He was offended and angered by the incident. Next morning (30.11.2001), when Nneka tried

to reconcile saying, ‘good morning’, he walked out without acknowledging her, and got into his car and drove off very fast. As he was driving back home that day, with all kinds of thoughts and concerns, the brakes on his car failed as he was heading down a steep hill and his car crashed into a concrete pillar that was built to prevent cars from going over a steep embankment. As he was not wearing a seat belt he had a severe blow to his chest. He was soon vomiting blood and having difficulty breathing.

His life departed

Two of the bystanders came running, and with great difficulty, removed him from the car. They put him in a car and took him to St. Charles hospital in Onitsha. Immediately after his arrival a doctor at the hospital administered an emergency treatment to him. However, Pastor Daniel knew that his body was not responding to the treatment. He realized that he had come to his final moments on the earth, and started to pray to God. He asked God to forgive him all his sins, committed with or without his knowledge, and to make him worthy to stand before the holy presence of God. He also sent word to his wife Nneka. He was very sorry that he ignored her when she wanted to reconcile with him that morning.

Nneka burst into inconsolable tears when she saw the condition in which her husband lay at the hospital. The local doctor told her that nothing more could be done for him there. Then she took Daniel by ambulance to Umezuruike Hospital at Owerri, which was 80 km away. However Daniel died on the way to Umezuruike Hospital. A member of the medical staff at Umezuruike Hospital examined Daniel’s body and said that he was dead and that nothing more could be done for him.

Death certificate to confirm the death

Nneka prayed to God with tears, ‘**Lord, be merciful to me. You are a God who listens to prayer. You can do all things. You**

are a God who does wonders. I trust in you, Father, and took him to the Eunice Clinic. There Doctor Joss checked Daniel's body thoroughly and confirmed that he was dead. There was no breathing, no heartbeat or pulse. A death certificate was issued at 11:30 that night.

Nigerians do not bury their dead immediately after the death. They bury them after several days or even weeks. Until then they would inject local chemicals into the body to preserve and embalm the body according to their custom. Nneka took his body to Ikeduru General Hospital Mortuary. Since the mortuary had no cold storage facilities, the mortician, Mr. Darlington Manu injected embalming chemicals into Daniel's fingers and into his feet and placed the body in the mortuary.

He was not dead – Wife's dream God heard Nneka's prayer. He also answered her through a dream. She had dreamt that the body in the mortuary spoke to her saying, 'why have you left me in the mortuary? I am not dead. Take me to Onitsha where the German evangelist Reinhard Bonnke is preaching'. She now had a hope in the midst of confusion. She thanked God with tears and decided to go to Onitsha with her husband's body.

Even though everyone tried to stop Nneka from doing so, seeing her determination, they took the body of Daniel in a casket and went to Onitsha, to the 'Grace of God Mission' church on the Sunday morning (2.12.01). There the man of God was preaching at a church dedication service. The church grounds were being protected by swarms of federal, state and local security guards for the sake of Bonnke, who has received many death threats.

Prayer of faith

For this reason, the security guards would not allow the casket to be brought onto church grounds, fearing it might actually contain explosives. Though Nneka pleaded with them, and opened the casket to show them her dead husband, and

told them what God had revealed to her, they didn't allow the casket in. Instead they mocked and teased her for the reasons she gave. Nneka continued her pleadings. As her crying and screaming created disturbance, the senior pastor was notified. An assistant pastor came out and said that the body may be brought into the church without the casket, and that it be placed in the basement, as the service was going on in the church.

Daniel's body was laid on two tables pushed together. Reinhard Bonnke, who was preaching and praying there, knew nothing of the dead body in the basement. Some believers gathered around Daniel's body and prayed with faith. The body of Pastor Daniel which was dead for two days, started to twitch, and the hands and feet started to move. When Nneka and the other believers noticed it, they started to pray louder and more fervently. They also started to massage his arms and legs, as they were cold and stiff.

Miracle – the dead man is resurrected

His toes started to twitch at first; his right hand opened and closed once; his breathing started to return slowly. At first his breathing was irregular; then a deep breath; then normal breathing started. Bonnke had finished the service and left the church. When word got around that a dead man was coming back to life, the basement room was soon jammed with people who wanted to see the wonder and the glory of God. Seeing the wonder that was happening there, everyone started to pray and praise God aloud in tongues, with great enthusiasm and faith. God's glory had descended!

Suddenly Daniel sneezed and arose with a jump. Then a great, enthusiastic shout proceeded from the people around, 'Alleluia.. Alleluia.. Glory to Jesus.', reaching the heavens. The whole place was filled with the glorious, mighty anointing presence of the Holy Spirit. In the presence of all, the thousands of people, the greatest miracle of the 21st century – the

resurrection of a dead man – happened.

He died on Friday night at 10 pm (31.11.2001). There was no breath for two days; his heart had stopped beating; his pulse had stopped. His body was stiffened as a log. They had injected some local chemical into his body so it wouldn't decay. The lifeless body was dragged and pushed around, and placed in a casket and in a mortuary for hours and it was driven for a long time in rough roads, and yet Daniel came to life without any damage to his brain or anything. This didn't happen in a private home where no one was around. This happened in public, while hundreds of people watched. This is a miracle which truly happened. This is a wonder where a dead man was resurrected.

Just as the resurrection of Daniel is true, the sights of heaven and hell he saw while he was dead are also true. Though he was dead for two days his experience of heaven and hell took only about 15 minutes. Shall we listen to his experience in his own words?

When I died in the ambulance my spiritual body was carried by two angels and I floated in the air. Another angel joined them. I saw my physical body lying in the ambulance. Nneka is holding my hand and crying. I want to tell her not to cry, but she can't hear me. Then onwards even before I opened my mouth to ask the questions and doubts which were in my heart, the angels were answering and explaining things to me.

Heaven's splendor

The angel who joined them later said, 'let us go to paradise first'. We were in paradise as soon as he uttered those words. Wow! That was a sight to see. No one on earth can even imagine it. There were thousands of beings singing and worshipping God, wearing pure white clothes and their bodies seemed to glow with a radiant light. I thought that I was seeing a gathering of angels.

But the angel said, 'they are all saints. They lived and worked for God on earth, trusted in Jesus Christ with all their hearts and followed Him in righteousness. They don't grow old here. They don't show difference of caste, creed, race or black, white or mongolian in their faces. They all look similar, and they were worshipping towards a direction from where a brilliant light was shining. They were singing with one voice and raised their hands or bowing down, altogether at the same time.

Among those who were worshipping in heaven there was one person who appeared older than others. While I was wondering who it could be, the angel said that it was father Abraham. I longed to join them in their worship, but the angel took me away saying there are several more things I had to see.

The angel said that we were going to visit the mansions which Jesus had prepared for His righteous people who followed Him until death. Immediately we were there. I was wonder stricken when I saw the mansions. Nothing on Earth could compare with these mansions. There was no limit to their height or width. They extended as far as eyes could see. Each room in them had all facilities and looked more beautiful and attractive than anything on earth.

They looked as they were built in glass; they were transparent, with a remarkable shine to them. The floor was bright. I didn't see anyone in that place, but I could hear beautiful singing. While I was looking to see where the sound was coming from, the angel immediately showed me the flowers around the mansions. When I watched carefully I realized that the flowers were swaying in the breeze and singing and worshipping God.

The angel said, 'the mansions are ready, but God's children are not ready. Jesus Christ is delaying His coming so that the Christians in the church will be ready'. The Bible tells us how we should be prepared to meet Him, in 2 Pet. 3:14, '**Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be**

found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace? Are we preparing ourselves?

The hell that makes one tremble Next the angel took me to see the hell. As soon as we arrived at the gates of hell the angel raised his hand and brought it down. Immediately the large gates opened with a loud noise. I had to cover my ears to the sound which proceeded from inside the gates. I could hear the crying and wailing of millions of people. They were tormented by their own agonies and tortures and suffering. Their troubled screams would make anyone tremble. The noise was such. There was also a bad odour which made your breathing difficult.

It was dark everywhere in hell. When the angel moved his hand a light proceeded from his hand and lit the whole place. I could see the people tormented by their tortures and sufferings. The angel said, 'the punishment, suffering and agony here depend on the wicked, sinful and unrighteous deeds a person has committed on earth. The agony here is endless, day and night. Whatever they have sown on earth they will reap here in hell. We are mainly going to see three groups of people. There are several places in hell, with each place having a different kind of torture and agony', and took me away from there. I regretted having to see all this agony.

Biting one's own flesh...

That was a very large place. There were a number of people biting off their own flesh and spitting it out; sinking their teeth into their own flesh; suffering with pain due to their action; there was blood from the bitten part; there was blood from their mouth; they spat out the flesh. They shed tears when they see the spot where they have bitten. The flesh grew back again, and the biting and the agony continue.

The angel said, 'these people dealt in witchcraft, worshipped and made human sacrifice to evil spirits and ate human flesh. They cheated poor people and did not pay them just wages.

They are suffering for their sins now? I was terror stricken. Scratching the stony ground with their nails...

The angel took me to another place. There people were scratching the stony ground with their own nails trying to dig the ground. The flesh from their fingers was falling apart from the bones. They were weeping with pain, but continued to dig with bloody hands. I asked the angel why the torment. He said that they took away poor peasants' land unjustly and made them starve and die. I couldn't watch their misery.

Tearing their innards with a knife...

My whole body started to shiver when I saw another group, who were piercing and tearing away their sexual organs with sharp stones and knives. When the parts fell to the ground they joined the body once again, and they continued to torment themselves in the same way with blood pouring out of their bodies and with cries of unbearable pain. It was agonizing to watch them. The angel understood my query as to why they were doing this, and answered me, '**all these have wronged their spouses. These have involved themselves in adultery, unfaithfulness, homosexuality, sexual practices with animals, lust, rape of children, of mentally unstable and of simpletons, rape and gang rape of helpless women, involving women in prostitution, running places of prostitution, writing filthy books, recording and distributing filthy pictures, eve teasing women in crowded buses and trains and all such filthy sexual practices. They are punishing themselves for their sins, wickedness and secret sins?**' I was stunned.

I asked him how long they should endure this torment. The angel smiled and said that this will be their lot without any end until the Day of Judgment. After the judgment they will be thrown into the lake of fire along with the devil and all the demons. I shook from head to foot. My tongue was parched and cleaved to the top of my mouth. The angel saw me trembling

and held my hands and comforted me. I remembered the scripture words, '**He will repay everyone according to what that person has done. Whatever a man sows that he shall also reap**', which clearly and repeatedly warns us.

Merciless judgment to him who is merciless

I remembered the story of Lazarus and the rich man in Luke 16:19-31. The rich man ate sumptuous food without giving even a single mouthful to the beggar Lazarus who was looking on in hunger and longing. He wouldn't incur a loss in his great wealth if he had offered a little of his food to satiate the poor beggar's hunger. Perhaps even the wealth he had gathered was by cheating the poor. Lazarus would wait for the crumbs which would fall from the rich man's table.

There is a saying among the villagers, 'he won't even chase the crows with the hand which has food sticking to it'. The rich man behaved worse than that, hard hearted, selfish, merciless and with no kindness at all in his heart. Then one day the rich man died. Lazarus too died. Things turned upside down. Lazarus was in paradise, resting at Abraham's side, while the rich man was tormented day and night in flaming fire. He was longing for a single drop of water if Lazarus could dip with his fingertip and put in his tongue to cool it. There was not even a drop of water for him who had no mercy in his heart.

God watches everything

We think no one sees our actions. We commit a number of sins in secret. God sees everything. There is nothing hidden from His sight. We go around forgetting that we should give account to every evil deed and sin on the last day. We are uncontrollable; we are full of hatred; we gather wealth; we discriminate in the name of caste, creed, education, titles and position; we forget our creator and worship man made images; we refuse to turn away from our sinful life; we live as we please. Perhaps this is why God chooses some people and shows them

the sights of heaven and hell, so that they can testify about these places and inform such reckless people what awaits them after their death.

All the unjust thrown in the furnace of fire

The previous dictator of Nigeria was in that hell. There was also a Christian who was in my church at first, and then fell away into seeking power from evil spirits, and lived and died as an idol worshipper. I also saw a well known senior minister whom I knew earlier, suffering in the hell. In the beginning he was a spirit filled and gifted man of God, who brought several thousands of people into Christ. However, later on he became a slave to money, fame and women. He still continued his ministry. But the spirit of God had departed from him and Satan's spirit resided there.

In the name of Jesus Christ he used several attractive ideas to gather money in lakhs. Instead of spending it for the ministry, he spent it on luxuries for himself and his family. His ministry became a big business run in the name of Jesus Christ. Satan enticed him with a desire for money and drew him to himself. Several people were saved even in those meetings; incurable diseases were cured. But these were not achieved by his prayers. It was God who did the miracles; it was the answer to the believers' prayers of faith. But he announced that it was due to his power of prayer, and gathered more wealth. Now he is suffering in hell.

Too late for repentance

As soon as the minister saw me he broke down and cried piteously and said, 'Daniel, I am aware of all my mistakes. I am experiencing the punishment for it every minute. Please ask Jesus Christ to forgive me just once more. I will spend all that money on the poor and for the ministry. I won't make any more mistakes. Please, could you tell this to Jesus Christ? I am not able to see Him at all in this place. Will you tell Him

Daniel, please, will you do this for me? I can't bear this torture..’ My heart was deeply affected by this. I turned and looked at the angel. He said, ‘Now it is too late. He was given several opportunities to repent when he was on earth but he didn’t repent then.

‘The scriptures are very clear. Heb. 10:26-28 says, ‘For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?’ God’s anger is upon him. There is no use crying now. Let us go.’

There are no human words to describe hell

He took me along through different paths of hell. Each place had a different kind of torture, terror, unspeakable misery, pain, agony, screams, gnashing of teeth, no one can describe, in any human language, the agony and torment going on there. It was so horrible. If every Christian sees what I had seen, there wouldn’t be a need to tell the gospel, because each one himself would become the Lord’s powerful message.

What the angel said next was shattering. He said, ‘Daniel, if the book of your life was to be closed today, you would be thrown into this hell’. Immediately I said, ‘I am a pastor. I serve God with all my heart’. Then the angel lifted his hands a little. Immediately a Bible appeared in his hands. He took out matt. 5: 22, and read, ‘and whoever says to his brother, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.’ I realized I was a sinner according to those words.

I remembered the angry words I used towards my wife. ‘If you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your

Father forgive your trespasses' says Jesus Christ in Matt. 6:15. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy' says Matt. 5:7. 'The prayer you prayed just before you died was ineffective, because the morning of the day you died you refused forgiveness to your wife even though she wanted to reconcile.'

A witness to the horrors of hell

As soon as I heard this I wept bitterly for my sin. The angel said, 'Don't weep. In Luke 16:27-30 the rich man begged to be sent back to earth so that he could warn people on earth about hell. The Lord Jesus Christ is going to grant you that wish without any request from you. He wants to send you back to earth so that you can tell what you have witnessed here as the last warning for the people of all castes and creeds on earth.'

As the angel was saying these words Daniel leaped up with a sneeze in the basement of that church. About two days or 42 hours after he died, Pastor Daniel came back to life. Because it happened in an open, public place, not only Nigeria, but the whole world has accepted his resurrection. Wherever Pastor Daniel preaches after his resurrection, his emphasis is, 'whoever has harmed you, forgive them and forget. Otherwise you will be punished severely'.

Wherever he preaches he emphasizes the importance of forgiving others, loving others as we love ourselves, and following other teachings of Jesus Christ, in order to escape the punishment of hell. Yes, this is the end of time. This is the time for salvation. Repent and turn, all those who know Jesus Christ and those who don't know Him. Weep bitterly for your sins and repent. Be cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ and become holy.

The chaff will be burnt by fire

'Strive for peace with everyone and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord' (Heb.12:14). 'Not

everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven’ (Matt.7:21). **‘Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done’,** says Jesus in Rev.22:12. **‘to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire’,** says Luke 3:17. Become holy so you won’t be burnt in the unquenchable fire but will be included into heaven as wheat is gathered into the barn. May the Lord God bless you.

Heaven and hell – a Divine revelation

- Mary Kathryn Baxter -

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She has written two books, ‘A Divine Revelation of Hell’, and ‘A Divine Revelation of Heaven’, in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ’s instruction that she should inform the people on earth the horrors of hell. I have had the privilege of reading these books. Oh.. I felt shattered when I read the book on hell with its horror, terror, and torture. It will be a big book in itself if I wrote all the Lord has shown her. Therefore this book covers only a few places that she had seen.

Our dear brother Sam Jebadurai who excels as the scribe of our Lord, has got the book ‘A Divine Revelation of Hell’ translated into Tamil and has published it. It is a worthy book which should be read by everyone regardless of their caste or

creed. The book is available from the address 'Andrandrulla Appam, 50, Railway Station Road, Kodambakkam, Chennai -600 024 (telephone numbers 044-24840407/ 24835299)', or from any other Christian book stores. Purchase it and read.

Visions of Mary K. Baxter

In March 1976 while I was praying at home, I had a visit from the Lord Jesus Christ. I had been praying in the Spirit for days when all at once I felt the very presence of God. His power and His glory filled the house. A brilliant light illuminated the room where I was praying, and a sweet and wonderful feeling came over me. Lights flowed in billows, rolling and folding into one another and rolling over and out of each other. It was a spectacular sight! And then the voice of the Lord began to speak to me. He said, "I am Jesus Christ, your Lord, and I wish to give you a revelation to prepare the saints for My return and to turn many to righteousness. The powers of darkness are real and My judgments are true.

"My child, I will take you into Hell by My Spirit, and I will show you many things which I want the world to know. I want you to write a book and tell of the visions and of all the things I reveal to you. My words are true, faithful and trustworthy. I Am That I Am, and there is none beside Me."

God's praises began to flow from me. All at once I wanted to give Him my whole life to be used by Him, to help save people from their sin. I knew, by His Spirit, that it actually was Jesus the Son of God who was there in the room with me. I cannot find words to express His divine presence. But I know that it was the Lord.

Instantly, my soul was taken out of my body. It was as though I had died and my body was left behind on the bed while my spirit was going with Jesus up through the top of the house. I went with Jesus up out of my room and into the sky. Soon we were high into the heavens.

Protruding out of the earth and scattered about in many places were funnels spinning around to a center point and then turning back again. "What are these?" I asked the Lord Jesus as we came near to one. "These are the gateways to hell," He said. "We will go into Hell through one of them."

Immediately, we entered one of the funnels. A deep darkness descended on us, and with the darkness came a smell so horrible it took my breath away. Along the sides of this tunnel were living forms embedded in the walls. I knew without being told that they were evil. Oh, yes, I had all my senses-I could hear, smell, see, feel and even taste the evil in this place. If anything, my senses had become more sensitive, and the odor and filth almost made me sick.

Screams filled the air as we came near the base of the tunnel. Piercing cries came up the dark tunnel to meet us. Sounds of all sorts filled the air. I could feel fear, death and sin all around me. The worst odor I have ever smelled filled the air. It was the smell of decaying flesh, and it seemed to be coming from every direction. Never on earth had I felt such evil or heard such cries of despair. Soon I would find that these were the cries of the dead and that Hell was filled with their wails.

Pit of fire – torment by worms that never die

I heard a cry from the center of the first pit. I saw a soul in the form of a skeleton, crying, "Jesus, have mercy!" It was the voice of a woman. I looked at her and wanted to pull her out of the fire. The sight of her broke my heart.

The skeleton form of a woman with a dirty-grey mist inside was talking to Jesus. In shock, I listened to her. Decayed flesh hung by shreds from her bones, and, as it burned, it fell off into the bottom of the pit. Where her eyes had once been were now only empty sockets. She had no hair. The fire started at her feet in small flames and grew as it climbed up and over her body. The woman seemed to be constantly burning, even when

the flames were only embers. From deep down inside her came cries and groans of despair, "Lord, Lord, I want out of here!" She kept reaching out to Jesus. I looked at Jesus, and there was great sorrow on His face. Jesus said to me, "My child, you are here with Me to let the world know that sin results in death, that Hell is real.

I looked at the woman again, and worms were crawling out of the bones of her skeleton. They were not harmed by the fire. Jesus said, "She knows and feels those worms inside." Great cries and deep sobs shook the form of this woman-soul. She was lost. There was no way out.

In another pit was a woman on her knees, as if looking for something. Her skeletal form also was full of holes. Her bones were showing through, and her torn dress was on fire. Her head was bald, and there were only holes where her eyes and nose were supposed to be. A small fire was burning around her feet where she was kneeling, and she clawed the sides of the brimstone pit. The fire clung to her hands, and dead flesh kept falling off as she dug.

Tremendous sobs shook her. "O Lord, O Lord," she cried, "I want out." As we watched, she finally got to the top of the pit with her feet. I thought she was going to get out when a large demon with great wings that seemed to be broken at the top and hung down his sides ran to her. He rushed up to the woman and pushed her very hard backward into the pit and fire. I watched in horror as she fell. I felt so sorry for her.

Jesus knew my thoughts and said, "My child, judgment has been set. God has spoken. Even when she was a child, I called and called her to repent and to serve Me. When she was sixteen years old, I came to her and said, 'I love you. Give your life to Me, and come follow Me, for I have called you for a special purpose: I called all her life, but she would not listen. She said, 'Someday I will serve You. I have no time for You now. No time, no time, I have my life of fun. No time, no time to serve You,

Jesus. Tomorrow I will.' Tomorrow never came, for she waited too long."

The woman cried out to Jesus, "My soul is truly in torment. There is no way out. I know that I wanted the world instead of You, Lord. I wanted riches, fame and fortune, and I got it. I could buy anything I wanted; I was my own boss. I was the prettiest, best-dressed woman of my time. And I had riches, fame and fortune, but I found I could not take them with me in death. O Lord, Hell is horrible. I have no rest day or night. I am always in pain and torment. Help me, Lord," she cried. The woman looked up at Jesus so longingly and said, "My sweet Lord, if only I had listened to you! I will regret that forever. I planned to serve You someday-when I got ready. I thought You would always be there for me. But how wrong I was! I was one of the most sought-after women of my time for my beauty. I knew God was calling me to repent. All my life He drew me with cords of love, and I thought I could use God like I used everyone else. He would always be there. Oh yes, I used God! He would try so hard to get me to serve Him, while all the time I thought I didn't need Him. Oh, how wrong I was! For satan began to use me, and I began to serve satan more and more. At the last I loved him more than God. I loved to sin and would not turn to God.

"Satan used my beauty and my money, and all my thoughts turned to how much power he would give me. Even then, God continued to draw me. But I thought, I have tomorrow or the next day. Then one day while riding in a car, my driver ran into a house, and I was killed. Lord, please let me out." As she spoke her bony hands and arms reached out to Jesus while the flames continued to burn her. Jesus said, "The judgment is set."

Soon we came to a pit where there was another woman. She was pleading with all her soul for Jesus to take her out of there. "Lord," she said, "haven't I been here long enough? My torment is more than I can bear. Please, Lord, let me out!" Sobs

shook her form, and such pain was in her voice. I knew she was suffering greatly.

Jesus then spoke to the woman. "While you were on earth," He said, "I called and called for you to come to Me. I pleaded with you to get your heart right with Me, to forgive others, to do right, to stay out of sin. I even visited you in the midnight hour and drew you by My Spirit time after time. With your lips you said you loved Me, but your heart was far from Me. Didn't you know that nothing can be hidden from God? You fooled others, but you could not fool Me. I sent still others to tell you to repent, but you would not listen. You would not hear, you would not see, and in anger you turned them away. I placed you where you could hear My Word. But you would not give your heart to Me. You were not sorry, nor were you ashamed of what you were doing. You hardened your heart and turned Me away. Now you are lost and forever undone. You should have listened to Me."

At this, she looked at Jesus and began to swear and to curse God. I felt the presence of evil spirits and knew that it was they who were cursing and swearing. How sad to be lost forever in hell! Resist the devil while you still may, and he will flee from you. Jesus said, "The world and all that is in it will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

As far as eye could see, there were fire pits. There were millions of souls burning in the fire. I couldn't bear to watch the agony suffered by the souls. I was disturbed and wept. I was in the spirit form, but I still cried, stirred and shed tears. I had all the feelings. In a similar fashion all the souls which were tormented there had all their feelings.

Jesus said the same thing. 'Yes, my daughter, they have all the memories, feelings, pain and suffering. They will remember all their families and relatives, their sins and all the opportunities they had to repent. I do not at all wish for any one to experience this torment in hell. My heart grieves when I see their suffering.'

I took the punishment for their sins and shed my blood on the cross so that they do not have to come here.

Jesus and I walked on down the pathway until we came to another pit. Cries of pain, unforgettably sorrowful sounds, were everywhere.

We walked directly past some of the evil beings, which didn't seem to see us, and stopped at another pit of fire and brimstone. In this pit was a large-framed man. I heard him preaching the gospel. I looked in amazement to Jesus for an answer, for He always knew my thoughts. He said, "While he was on earth, this man was a preacher of the gospel. At one time he spoke the truth and served me."

I wondered what this man was doing in Hell. Burning flesh was hanging from him, and his skull seemed to be in flames. A terrible odor came from him. I watched the man spread his hands as if he were holding a book and begin to read Scriptures from the make-believe book. Again, I remembered what Jesus had said: "You have all your senses in hell, and they are a lot stronger here." The man read Scripture after Scripture, and I thought it was good. Jesus said to the man with great love in His voice, "Peace, be still." Immediately, the man stopped talking and turned slowly to look at Jesus.

I saw the man's soul inside this skeletal form. He said to the Lord, "Lord, now I will preach the truth to all the people. Now, Lord, I'm ready to go and tell others about this place. I know that while I was on earth, I didn't believe there was a hell, nor did I believe You were coming again. It was what people wanted to hear, and I compromised the truth to the people in my church. I know I didn't like anyone who was different in race or color of skin, and I caused many to fall away from You. I made my own rules about heaven and right and wrong. I know that I led many astray, and I caused many to stumble over Your Holy Word, and I took money from the poor. But, Lord, let me out, and I will do right. I won't take money from the church

anymore. I have repented already. I will love people of every race and color.”

Jesus said, “You not only distorted and misrepresented the Holy Word of God, but you lied about your not knowing the truth. The pleasures of life were more important to you than truth. I visited you Myself and tried to turn you around, but you would not listen. You went on your own way, and evil was your lord. You knew the truth, but you would not repent or turn back to Me. I was there all the time. I waited for you. I wanted you to repent, but you did not. And now the judgment has been set.” Pity was on the face of Jesus. I knew that if the man had listened to the Savior’s call, he would not be here now. O people, please listen.

Jesus spoke to the backslider again, “You should have told the truth, and you would have turned many to righteousness with God’s Word, which says that all unbelievers will have their part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone.”

No one to comfort even if you lament and weep

Ahead of us I could hear voices and the cries of a soul in torment. We walked up the small hill and looked over. A light filled the area, so I could see clearly. Cries like you have never thought possible were filling the air. They were the cries of a man.

We walked up to within fifteen feet of this activity. I saw small dark-clothed figures marching around a boxlike object. Upon closer examination, I saw that the box was a coffin and the figures marching around it were demons. It was a real coffin, and there were twelve demons marching around it. As they marched, they were chanting and laughing. Each one had a sharp spear in his hand, which he kept thrusting into the coffin through small openings that lined the outside. There was a feeling of great fear in the air, and I trembled at the sight before me.

Jesus knew my thoughts, for He said, "Child, there are many souls in torment here, and there are many different types of torment for these souls. There is greater punishment for those who once preached the gospel and went back into sin, or for those who would not obey the call of God for their lives"

I heard a cry so desperate that it filled my heart with despair. "No hope, no hope!" he called. The hopeless cry came from the coffin. It was an endless wail of regret. I walked up to the coffin and looked inside. It appeared that the evil spirits could not see us. A dirty-gray mist filled the inside of the coffin. It was the soul of a man. As I watched, the demons pushed their spears into the soul of the man in the coffin. I will never forget the suffering of this soul. The torment of his soul was such a terrible sight. If only he could get free. Jesus said, "My child, peace, be still."

As Jesus spoke, the man saw us. He said, "Lord, Lord, let me out. Have mercy." I looked down and saw a bloody mess. Before my eyes was a soul. Inside the soul was a human heart, and blood spurted from it. The thrusting of the spears were literally piercing his heart. "I will serve You now, Lord." He begged, "Please let me out." I knew that this man felt every spear that pierced his heart. The man cried, "Lord, I will now preach the true gospel. I will tell about sin and Hell. But please help me out of here."

Jesus said, "This man was a preacher of the Word of God. There was a time when he served Me with all his heart and led many people to salvation. Some of his converts are still serving Me today, many years later. The lust of the flesh and the deceitfulness of riches led him astray. He let satan gain the rule over him. He had a big church, a fine car, a large income. He began to steal from the church offerings. He began to teach lies. He spoke mostly half-lies and half-truths. He would not let Me correct him. I sent My messengers to him to tell him to repent and preach the truth, but he loved the pleasures of

this life more than the life of God. He knew not to teach or preach any other doctrine except the truth as revealed in the Bible. But before he died, he said the Holy Ghost baptism was a lie and that those who claimed to have the Holy Ghost were hypocrites. He said you could be a drunkard and get to heaven, even without repentance. He said God would not send anyone to Hell -that God was too good to do that. He caused many good people to fall from the grace of the Lord. He even said that he did not need Me, for he was like a god. He went so far as to hold seminars to teach this false doctrine. He trampled My Holy Word under his feet. Yet, I continued to love him. My child, it is better to have never known Me than to know Me and turn back from serving Me,” said the Lord.

Eternal life to those who accept the offer of Jesus Christ

“Those who repent and take my offer will not have this punishment in hell. They will receive eternal life. They will live with me in heaven. I can’t do anything for them if they do not repent. They are seeking their own end. I have brought you here so that you can directly witness and tell the people of this earth how true and terrible the agony experienced here.’ He said this with great sorrow and compassion of a father. His eyes were troubled when He said this.

Conference of the demons

We walked along a path on the right side of hell, which was burnt and very dry. Everywhere was darkness except for the light which emanated from Christ and the flaming pits, which dotted the landscape as far as I could see.

All at once, demons of all kinds were going past us. Imps growled at us as they went by. Demon spirits of all sizes and shapes were talking to each other. Out ahead of us, a big demon was giving orders to small ones. We stopped to listen, and Jesus said, “There is also an invisible army of evil forces that we do not see here-demons such as evil spirits of sickness.”

"Go!" the larger demon said to the smaller imps and devils. Do many evil things. Break up homes and destroy families. Seduce weak Christians, and mis-instruct and mislead as many as you can. You shall have your reward when you return.

"Remember, you must be careful of those who have genuinely accepted Jesus as their Savior. They have the power to cast you out. Go now across the earth. I have lots of others up there already and still have others to send. Remember, we are servants of the prince of darkness and of the powers of the air." At that, the evil forms began to flee up and out of Hell.

I stood watching it stunned. Jesus Christ touched my hands and said, 'I have already said that there is struggle against the rulers, powers, forces of darkness, and the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Do not be worried. You can chase these forces away by wearing the belt of truth, and the breastplate of righteousness.'

Testimony of Augustine Sitosy, who died and was resurrected on the fourth day Sitosy was dead

- doctor's declaration

Augustine Sitosy, a Nigerian deacon and preacher who had taken Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, had fallen into temptations of riches and fame, and involved himself in sins against the Lord. He left the fellowship of God and back-slid, facing a number of failures and losses and disappointments and became a debtor. He didn't listen to the Lord's compassion and warnings to him in spite of his straying away from Him.

He lost his joy, peace and tranquility in life. He was more averse to God saying He wasn't helping him to recover from such a situation. He even denied Jesus Christ once. Finally he died on 31.8.1985 at 7.30 pm without peace. He was taken

to a nearby hospital known as Leonora. The resident doctor checked him thoroughly and pronounced him dead.

Prayer of faith

The church members, friends and his relatives who loved him much, brought his body home. They wept with tears before the Lord the whole night and prayed before God that He should resurrect him. In the midnight, the Lord sent a prophecy through one sister that he will be returned to them. The next day, a Sunday, dawned. There was no miracle yet. There was confusion. They took him to a famous heart surgeon, Dr. J.K. Ord, on the 1.9.85 at 8.30 am.

That doctor was a truly born-again man anointed by the Holy Spirit. He was in a Bible study meeting at the time. A couple of people approached him and explained their situation and asked him to go with them. He sent them away saying, 'why have you brought a man who is already dead? Take the body away. There is nothing I can do here' However, he couldn't continue to sit in the Bible study. When he opened the Bible, the verses from John 11:4 sprang up before his eyes. **'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it'**. He felt that God was speaking straight to him.

Drip given to the dead body

Listen to what Dr. J.K Ord says next. 'I went straight to the hospital and checked the body. He was dead and was stiff as an icy stone. I am a heart specialist who has taken special training in America and worked for 20 years in this field. So far no one whom I pronounced dead has come to life again. I can accurately say if a person is alive or dead medically, with the activities of the heart. My medical knowledge and experience clearly said that this man died several hours ago. Yet, the verses that God showed me in His word put me in confusion. God is not a man to lie. God never fails in His word. But..but.. this

man..? I went into my room and knelt down and pleaded with God saying, 'Lord, what kind of test is this? I don't understand anything. Please speak to me, Father'. I didn't get any answer even when I asked repeatedly. Finally I arose from my prayer with a decisive plan. I said, 'Lord, I will take that this man is alive according to Your word'. I asked the nurse to give three medicines through intravenous and also to give drip to the body.

Before leaving, the nurse looked at me with derision thinking, 'may be this doctor also has fallen for the desire for money like the other doctors. That is why he is asking to inject the frozen dead body with medicines'. Soon she returned and asked, 'where shall I give the drip in a body which is stiff and the blood vessels are frozen?' I said, 'give it in the usual place'. She murmured as she went back. The drip went into the body to everyone's amazement, but the life didn't return.

I saw what happened to the dead Sitosy

I went home confused and sad, and went into my prayer room and surrendered myself to God. I closed my eyes and started to pray at 10.30 am. It was 3.30 pm when I opened my eyes again. I was greatly surprised. God had taken me to heaven as He did with St. Paul, and showed me the judgment the dead man Sitosy was given!

I saw the scenes in heaven very clearly. Not in my dreams, but in reality. I could bring back the scenes frame by frame. The dead Sitosy stood in a long queue. At the first gate stands an awesome angel with a great book. When Sitosy approached the gate the angel looked at him and put his hand on the book. The book immediately opened to show the complete history of Sitosy. He glanced at it and nodded his head to Sitosy to proceed.

There was a smile in the face of the angel as he nodded his head. His face shone at that time. Sitosy passed the first gate and

arrived at the second gate. He passed that and walked through a beautiful garden along the path to heaven, which was paved with gold. I was overcome by the beauty of the place and the wonderful aroma which the breeze brought along to the place. My whole body filled with the sweet scent as I breathed the air there. My body quivered.

Sitosy was resurrected

The angel who went with Sitosy said, ‘your people are praying to God for you without ceasing. So you go back to earth. There are several things you must do. Take a right turn here and another right. You will then reach your place’ See how God answers the prayers of His children with a ‘yes’ and an ‘amen’. Alleluia!

When I saw the wonderful revelation which God gave me in my prayer, I rushed to the hospital anxiously to see Sitosy resurrected. But he was still stiff and lifeless. The next day, 2nd of Sept. there was no change in his condition. However the body didn’t start to decay even after three days. My medical knowledge was astounded. 3.9.85 was fourth day after Sitosy died. Every minute was like an eon to me. I could not eat or pray or sleep in this time of testing. I couldn’t concentrate on any work.

Should I ask them to take his body away after 4 days? Or should I wait for the Lord’s miraculous resurrection of the dead man? As I was tensed up with no answer in sight, I heard the exuberant voices outside my room, shouting, ‘alleluia... alleluia... to God be the glory’. I rushed out to see what happened, and Sitosy was alive and opened his eyes and looked at me. Forgetting that I was a doctor, I held his hands firmly and kissed. Sitosy heard me muttering, ‘our Lord is really great’, and smiled and nodded his head to say ‘yes’.

The judgment after the death

I bent down towards Sitosy’s ears and said, ‘be careful

not to commit the four sins which were written against your name in the large book which was at the second gate on the way to heaven.' Sitosy immediately turned around and gave me a questioning look as if to say, 'how do you know about it?' I took his hands and said, 'I know everything! The Lord has resurrected you for a specific reason. You have to be a witness to the whole world about the things God has shown you these four days regarding judgment, hell and heaven.'

He nodded his head saying, 'I shall definitely do so.' I said, 'take rest. You can go home tomorrow', and went into my room, shut it and knelt before the presence of God. Tears flowed in my eyes. I was overwhelmed by the Lord's boundless grace and kept saying, 'Thank you Jesus. Thank you Lord. Thank you a million times for resurrecting Sitosy, and also showing me the experiences he had in heaven.'

Prepare to meet your God

Judgment, heaven and hell are not empty stories. I have seen that they are real. I have seen the truth of the statement in Heb. 9:27, '**And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment**', and the experience has made me tremble. I was dazed for a long time. I analysed myself once again. Have I sinned anytime, anywhere, in any thing? Have I not forgiven with all my heart anyone's mistake? Have I indulged myself in any act which the Lord hates? Have I, at any time, acted in such a way as to hurt someone's feelings? Have I shown hatred and jealousy towards anyone? Thus I examined myself in great haste.

Our birth is not in hands; our death is also not in our hands. We can't say what will happen to anyone at any time. The end may come at any time or anywhere. According to the Bible verses '**prepare the way of the Lord**', '**prepare to meet your God**', we should be ready to meet the Lord and to be transformed if His coming is before we die. In case we die before His coming, we should be ready to face the judgment, by keeping ourselves

cleansed and holy. We can't say that we'll be ready tomorrow. The man who was alive yesterday isn't alive today. Man's life is like that of grass. I got up with the determination that I will not commit any sin under any circumstance. I asked God to help me live thus.

I came out of my room. Sitosy's wife, family and friends came and thanked me tearfully. I said to them, ' why do you thank me? I haven't done anything. It was the Lord Jesus Christ who did everything. Thank Him only'.

Sitosy's experiences after his death

Shall we hear Sitosy's experiences through his own words?
‘ I died on 31.8.1985. I can't explain what exactly happened during the time I died. I choked because I couldn't breath and then I felt a release. I could feel that I left my body and the earth. I could see my lifeless body and my wife looking at me with tear-filled eyes. Though I didn't know what kind of body I was in, I was conscious that I was Augustine Sitosy. I was fully aware of my wife and my family. Below me there was a covering of clouds as far as I could see. I was standing at the end of a very long queue. There were all sorts of people in that queue, Christians, non Christians, all people irrespective of their race, religion, language and country. It appeared that we were all moving on a conveyor belt. All people were standing in a dazed condition.

Path of burning hell

At a narrow gate an awesome angel was standing. In front of him lay a huge book on a large table. The angel never opened the book for several people who stood in front of me. When one of them approached him, he lifted his left arm and said aloud, 'go away'. That was all. That man was hurled out like a football at the kick of an experienced football player. He flew like chaff in a storm and fell into a wide path.

He was pulled out by a force as a magnet would pull a piece of iron. He fell like a ball into a wide path which was red hot with burning bright red flames. That was all. As the heat burnt him, he tried to escape from it and ran about screaming in pain and agony. As he tried to get away from it, a huge wall of fire rose up in front of him and stopped him from escaping. That path led to the burning hell that was worse than the path.

As I watched people being thrown into the fiery path and heard their screams of agony and suffering, my throat was parched and my tongue cleaved to the top of my mouth. This is my lot after some time. I couldn't even imagine my position.

I looked at those in the queue. Their faces were pale with fear. Their eyes showed the trembling of their hearts. They looked frozen. The lips of those in the queue were praying to their own deities. But God's grace and mercy had ceased in that place. I deeply felt that I have left the protective circle of God and went away too far from its boundary.

Continued weeping and gnashing of teeth

A middle-aged woman was standing in front of me. When her turn came she stepped forward. When the angel looked at her and touched the big book, her name and all details about her was shown in it. She was seen to be lacking in the qualities mentioned in 1 Cor. 13. She mentioned the name of a person she hated. Immediately the angel said, 'go away' in a thunderous voice. She told with tears about the good deeds, charities and the ministry she had done in her life. But there was no effect. She was also thrown out into the fiery path.

The end of those thrown into that path was hell. I was trembling even to look in that direction. If the path to hell was so terrible, how terrible hell itself will be. I was shaking with fear. The screams and cries and the odour of burning flesh was nauseating. I didn't know that this was the case

I never knew that this was going to happen. The pastor has spoken about hell once. My mind didn't accept it. Could he have told more firmly so that it could penetrate my thick skull? What is the point in regretting now? I can't do anything here. Everything is written clearly in the book of judgment. I thought no one saw the things I did. What a great foolish thing that was! Is there anything that is hidden from the Lord? He knows everything.

'The eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth', says the Bible. He has been patient and forbearing. It was not His will that anyone goes astray. That is why He has given us the Bible, the preachers, ministers and churches, so we can follow His ways and walk in the right path. Still my hardened mind did not understand it. Now there is no one to listen to my cries. All is finished. Time has gone.

Hell is worse than the punishment of hanging I am standing like a prisoner waiting in a death row. It appears that the punishment of hanging is better than this. Once the lever is released, the platform where the prisoner is standing gives way and the rope tightens around his neck by his sudden fall and crushes his throat and airways and pushes his tongue out. The eyes pop out and the hands and legs twitch and slowly the life departs.

The hanging will end life sooner. But this burning hell.. fiery inferno.. oh.. I never imagined it will be this horrible. Lord, please forgive me. Whenever the pastor talked about judgment and hell, how lightly I took it thinking it was a ploy to scare me into giving more money to the church. How much I argued about it with others. Alas, is there no way to escape from here? I am agonizing. Though I am dead to this world, I have all senses. Agony, burning feeling, gnashing of teeth, weeping.. all my sins are fresh in my mind as though I did it only yesterday. I can't make amends to my sins after my death. There is salvation only if I make amends while I am alive on earth. Salvation is

possible only by being washed by the Lord Jesus Christ's blood. There is no release from sin by any one or any thing. Realizing the committed sin and crying with bitterness against the sin before the Lord every day and deciding not to commit the sin again alone would have helped. The Lord Jesus Christ would have forgiven me then. What is the point in regretting now?

Heaven's first gate

Now my turn came. My feet stepped forward towards the angel involuntarily. My eyes looked at that angel as a lamb being led to the sacrificial altar. The angel gave me a glance and touched the book. Immediately the page filled with my details appeared. I could hear my heart beat. Those few moments.. with great agony.. there.. I am going to be thrown.. I am waiting with a fluttering heart and clenched teeth. The angel looked at the book for a few moments and then looked at me. I was petrified. He smiled at me, shook my hands and asked me to move on forward. My heart was in my throat. His hand felt like a threshing rod.

Second gate – forgiveness – seven times seventy

I couldn't believe my ears. I smiled with a forced smile and arrived at the second gate. There too was an angel. There too was a book placed on a large table, but it was about one tenth of the size of the previous book. Nearby was a golden cup with the blood of Jesus Christ and a brush with a golden handle. On the book it was written, '**Forgiveness – seven times seventy**'. The judgment at the second gate was based on Jesus Christ's saying, '**I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times**'.

The Eternal Teacher who forgives sin

There were four sins written against my name. they were, disobedience, stubbornness, worldly desires and bribery. (I had given bribe to the bank employees in order to get a large amount as a loan from the bank, and that was also written there. It is a sin to give or take bribe). I saw the sins written

there and unable to say anything, I hung my head in shame with tear-filled eyes. I regretted the uncontrolled acts I had done after back-sliding from Christ. But my mouth felt bound from asking for forgiveness from the Lord. Time has gone past.

The angel closed his eyes for a moment and looked to God. After getting the orders from Him, he took the golden brush, dipped it into the blood of Jesus Christ and erased the four sins from the book. The page where my name was written appeared white as snow. The angel shook my hands and asked me to proceed forward. I was allowed to pass through the second gate by the great mercy and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. I thanked the Lord with tears in my eyes and passed that gate to the path that leads to glory.

Hell and heaven are not imagination

There are no words to describe the beauty and attractiveness of heaven. It was filled with good fruit bearing trees, sweet smelling flowers, melody of singing of birds, sounds of worship borne by the gentle breeze, the shining cleanliness and orderliness of everything and the fullness of the divine. Heaven really exists. It is not a dream; it is not a story-book imagination. It exists in truth and in reality.

Brothers and sisters of all race and religions of the world! Atheistic ones who claim that there is no judgment or hell! Come and see here. They are all true; not lies; repent; get forgiveness for your sins; become holy; receive heaven. I felt like crying aloud to everyone in the world with those words. I felt the urge to go around the whole earth and proclaim the things I had witnessed here. But here was no way to do that. My life on earth had finished. My cries won't be carried all the way to the earth however much I cried. Alas, what can I do, was my regret that overwhelmed me.

Judgment hall

As I was walking with my eyes wide open in wonder, the

angel spoke as though he read my mind completely, and said, 'you haven't seen heaven yet. There, the huge gate that you see now is Christ's judgment hall. Heaven is beyond that. Two eyes are not sufficient to behold the saints, cherubim, seraphim and the angels worshipping God the Father and Jesus Christ eternally. But you are not going to go there now. You will be sent back to earth according to your desire to witness to the people of earth. Before you go, you should see the hell. You must tell the people about hell also. He took me to the left as he talked to me thus.

Burning abyss

Detestable demons carried the souls thrown on the path to hell, and threw them into a burning abyss. Several people were running around screaming in pain and agony. Such a terrible sight with the cries and screams of agony, the stench and heat of the place made me tremble. Even my arch enemy should not go through such a punishment.

On my way I saw some of my Christian brothers and sisters who had been buried with respect. Their burning flesh dropped from their bodies and once again got attached to them, only to get burnt again. There was unspeakable agony, screams, cries and gnashing of teeth. There were several who were crying for water, only there was none to listen to their pitiful cries.

The resurrected Sitosy

My eyes were filled with tears as my ears resonated with the pitiful cries of the people I had known, being tortured forever in such a horrific manner. I trembled as though the fire had touched and singed me. Immediately I heard the joyous shouts of my wife and opened my eyes to see her shaking me gently with her hands.

'My dear! My dear! You are alive. Jesus Christ has given you back to us. Thank You Jesus', exclaimed my wife with tears in her eyes. All the friends and relatives standing close to me shouted

and danced crying, 'alleluia, to God be the glory. Doctor, Nurse, come quickly and see Sitosy'. God has resurrected me four days after my death.

Jesus Christ and the Bible is not just for Christians, but for all on the earth.

The Lord had shown me a great many things during the four days I was dead. I have understood a great deal more. They are all true. I think that it is necessary and is my duty to tell you as they were. So I have informed you. 'it is only one life that is granted to man. That life only lasts for 70 or 80 years.

A man will definitely be judged and will reap the consequence of the good or bad deeds that he has done in this life. there is no partiality in this. The sins committed so far should be washed away; one should pity the poor and help them. '**Love your neighbor as yourself. Love one another. He who hates his brother is a murderer. Forgive each other. Don't find faults in others**', we read in the Bible. But we don't keep them in our practical life. Only if we forgive others, our sins will be washed by the blood of Jesus Christ and we will be cleansed and we can pass through the second gate and enter into everlasting life. this was my actual experience.

Whatever is said in the holy Bible is not just for the Christians. These are the standards which the Lord God our creator has set before all the races and religions of the world. Jesus Christ doesn't want anyone to suffer for ever in hell. He has created us so we can be with Him in heaven. We all sinned and lost the fellowship of God. We are facing the punishment of hell. He has given Himself as a sacrifice to provide freedom and salvation to us so that we can be saved from the punishment of hell.

Jesus gives the peace that you are seeking. Jesus Christ invites us all to live in this world as members of one family in love, friendship and unity, without fanaticism, violence,

caste, creed and racial differences, with our mind, body and spirit, our personal, family and social life lived in integrity, holiness, justice, righteousness, joy, peace and fulfillment. He has provided the way for it in his holy Bible. Shall we walk in that path and receive the eternal life? My aim is not to change your religion. Change instead your hearts. You and your loved ones will receive the heavenly blessings in this and the next world, and not go to hell.

These sins cannot be cleansed or washed away by any other means i.e. by our good deeds, going to the temples or by having a holy dip in Ganges or Chanting of mantras or slogans or alms. No god has shed blood for us. Only Jesus Christ has shed his Blood for us. Because He only created us and only a creator can come for His creations. God has no form. He is in spirit form. Only God can create a human. A human cannot create a God. What we find in temples is not God at all Jesus Christ is the only God. He is alive. He loves every one of us. Be blessed by worshipping Him alone.

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of the Father and the guidance and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always!

